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OF

NEW ENGLAND YEARLY MEETING

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At our Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England, held on Rhode Island, commencing with public meetings for worship at Newport and Portsmouth on first day the 13th; and at Newport for discipline on second day morning the 14th of sixth month, 1847—

By the accounts received from our several Quarterly Meetings, we are informed that they have appointed the following Friends as representatives to this Meeting, viz :

For RHODE ISLAND—Rowland Greene, John Meader, Thomas Anthony, Edmund Chase, Moses H. Beede, and David Buffum.

For SALEM—William H. Chase, Newell Ordway, Ephraim Leighton, Enoch Page, Micajah C. Pratt, Stephen A. Chase, Oliver D. Rogers, and Joshua Page.

For SANDWICH—George Howland, David Kelly, Lemuel Gifford, John Howland, Isaac R. Gifford, William Tucker, Josiah Holmes, Jr., Barret Beard, John Potter, Edward P. Little, and John Macomber.

For FALMOUTH—Thomas Jones, Nathan Douglas, Nathan Pope, Henry M. Minott, Lemuel Jones of Brunswick, Elisha Jones, David Winslow, John W. Minott, and Caleb Jones.

For SMITHFIELD—Edward Earle, Thomas Grover, Paul Aldrich, Edward Foster, John E. Fry, and John Osborne.

FOR VASSALBORO'—John D. Lang, Elisha Jones, Joseph Taber, Edmund Cates, Thomas B. Nichols, Clement Rackliff, and Stephen Jones, Jr.

FOR DOVER—William Hussey, Timothy Hanson, Benajah Buffum, Benjamin H. Jones, and Joseph Tuttle.

FOR FAIRFIELD—David Douglass, Samuel Taylor, Jr., Noah Farr, Jr., John Pope, and Caleb Hawkes—whose names being called, they were all present.

Having at this Meeting the acceptable company of our beloved friend Benjamin Seebohm, of Great Britain, satisfactory certificates from the Monthly Meeting of Brighthouse, in the county of York, in England, held at Bradford the 13th of 3d month, 1846; the Quarterly Meeting of York, held at Leeds the 25th and 26th of 3d month, 1846; and the Yearly Meeting of Ministers and Elders of London, held on the 18th, 19th, and 30th of the 5th month, 1846, were read, all expressive of the unity of his friends with him as a gospel minister, and in his present engagement in the service of truth in our land.

We have also the company of our beloved friend Robert Lindsey, as companion to Benjamin Seebohm, who produced satisfactory testimonials from the Monthly Meeting of Brighthouse, held the 18th of 9th month, 1846; the Quarterly Meeting of York, held the 23d of the same month; and the Morning Meeting of Ministers and Elders of London, held the 12th of 10th month, 1846, expressive of the unity of his friends with him as a gospel minister, and with his present engagement in religious service in our land.

We have also at this time the acceptable company of our beloved friend Charles Haviland, who produced satisfactory certificates from the Monthly Meeting of Raisin, in Michigan, held the 10th of 3d month, 1847, and the Quarterly Meeting of Adrian, held the 24th of 3d month, 1847, expressive of the unity of his friends with him as a minister, and with his present religious engagement.

The London printed Epistle of last year was received and read at this time, and we desire that the salutary counsel con-

tained therein may be productive of good to the individual members of our religious Society, to whose serious attention we commend it.

We have received a truly acceptable and sympathetic Epistle from our brethren of the Yearly Meeting of London, held last year (which came to hand seasonably to be read near the close of our last Yearly Meeting); also one from our dear friends of each of the Yearly Meetings of New York, Baltimore, North Carolina, and Indiana; and we have felt strengthened and comforted in the continuance of the ancient practice of thus saluting each other in gospel love; and we appoint our friends John Warren, Rowland Greene, John Meader, Thomas Anthony, Samuel Boyd Tobey, John D. Lang, Lindley M. Hoag, Samuel Boyce, David Buffum, William C. Taber, John Osborne, Joseph Metcalf, Stephen A. Chase, Moses H. Beede, Joseph H. Cole, Caleb Jones, Samuel Taylor, Jr., Lemuel Jones, Charles Atherton, David K. Aikin, William H. Chase, Percz Peck, William Gifford of Falmouth, Stephen Jones, Jr., Joseph Davis, Olney Thompson, Daniel Taber, Newell Hoxsie, Isaac R. Gifford, Thomas Grover, and Nathan Pope, to take these Epistles into consideration, and prepare essays of communications as way may open for it to our friends of these several Yearly Meetings, and to our brethren of Ireland, and present them to a future sitting of this meeting.

Not having received at this time, nor last year, Epistles from our dear brethren of the Yearly Meetings of Philadelphia and Ohio, and this Meeting being brought under deep exercise in relation thereto, we appoint the following friends to take the subject into their solid and deliberate consideration, to seek therein direction of the Head of the Church, and if in clearness way should open for it, to prepare essays of communications to those respective Meetings, that our love may be still manifest to them, viz : Abraham Shearman, Jr., Thomas Jones, John Warren, Benjamin Fry, Isaac Lawrence, Samuel Boyd Tobey, Rowland Greene, John Meader, Estes Newhall, John D. Lang, Joseph Tuttle, Thomas Anthony, Stephen A. Chase, David Buffum, George Howland, Samuel Taylor, Jr., Charles Atherton, Moses H. Beede, James Jones, and Lindley M. Hoag.

All the Quarterly Meetings inform that they have paid or directed to be paid their several proportions of Yearly Meeting stock to our treasurer.

Dover Quarterly Meeting informs us that they have appointed Benajah Buffum correspondent for Berwick Monthly Meeting, in place of John D. Lang, who has removed from that meeting; which information the Clerk is requested to communicate to our Quarterly and Monthly Meetings, and also to the several Yearly Meetings on this continent.

Adjourned to four o'clock this afternoon.

Afternoon, Friends assembled pursuant to adjournment.

Rowland Greene, on behalf of the representatives, informed that they had conferred together, and were agreed in proposing Samuel Boyd Tobey for Clerk and John Osborne for Assistant Clerk of this Meeting, for the ensuing year; which being united with, they are appointed to those stations accordingly.

The Records of this meeting for last year were read at this time.

The Committee to superintend our Boarding School at Providence, presented the following report, which was approved by this Meeting and directed to be forwarded to our Quarterly and Monthly Meetings, viz:

TO THE YEARLY MEETING:

The Committee appointed to have the superintendence of the Boarding School at Providence, report, that they have during the past year given attention to their appointment, and are encouraged to believe, that the Institution continues to be useful.

The average number of scholars has been eighty-five, viz: forty-two males and forty-three females.

Our friends Olney and Lydia Thompson, have acceptably served as Superintendents during the year ending with the last winter term; and Charles Atherton, Samuel Austin and Edward G. Hoag, have been engaged as teachers in the boys' school, and Mary Atherton and Gertrude E. Whittier as teach-

ers in that of the girls for the same time. Elizabeth Prosser has also been an assistant teacher in the girls' school during the winter term.

The Superintendents having expressed their desire to be released at the end of the last winter term, and the Committee believing that usefulness would arise from an arrangement which would unite with the general care and oversight of the Institution as Superintendents, that of taking the general government and direction of the schools, and imparting literary instruction therein, to such extent as may be consistent with the other duties of Superintendents, we have engaged our friends Silas Cornell and Sarah M. Cornell of Rochester, New York, to come into the Institution in that capacity, and assume those duties.

Charles Atherton, Edward G. Hoag, and Richard Dame, are engaged as assistant teachers in the boys' school, (the latter giving instruction in the languages,) and Gertrude E. Whittier and Sarah Alice Cornell, as assistant teachers in the girls' school, for a part or the whole of the present year.

As our friends Silas and Sarah M. Cornell could not consistently with their previous engagements, commence their connection with the Institution until the present time, the former Superintendents kindly consented to remain, temporarily, after their previous engagement expired—and the former arrangements in the schools have mostly been continued since the commencement of the present term.

The change of Superintendents and the arrangements with respect to the principal charge of the school is now about to take place; and the friends who have for several years occupied the station of Superintendents being about to leave, seems a fitting occasion to express for their encouragement, the satisfaction of the Committee with their labors.

These labors were increased during the latter part of the last year, by more than usual indisposition among the scholars.

Meetings for worship have been regularly held in the House, except during the vacations, and harmony has prevailed. On

the days of Providence Preparative Meeting, the meetings at the school have been omitted, in accordance with the consent of the Yearly Meeting last year.

Examinations of the schools by the Committee, at the close of each term, have been made, as has been heretofore practised, and the deportment and proficiency of the scholars have been generally satisfactory, evincing a good degree of aptitude and diligence on the part of the pupils, and faithfulness on the part of the teachers.

The accounts of the Treasurer and Superintendent have been examined and settled. By these accounts it appears, that the income of the school for the year ending with the last winter term, has been \$10,836 07, and the expenditures \$12,136 54; the expenditures having exceeded the receipts by the sum of \$1300 47. Seven hundred dollars of this excess, arises from the payment within the year of a demand against the Institution of several years standing.

The amount of expenditures exceeding the income, has been supplied from the balance on hand at the commencement of the year; and being deducted therefrom, leaves a balance on hand at the close of the last term, of \$1858 05.

We would propose that the price of board and tuition be continued the same as last year, viz: Thirty dollars per term for members of our Yearly Meeting, forty-five dollars for those who are not members, one or both of whose parents are members, and fifty dollars for those of other Yearly Meetings, payable in advance—books and stationery being furnished as at present.

We would also propose, that each Monthly Meeting have the privilege of sending one scholar free of expense for one term, the same to be occupied, either at the next winter or succeeding summer term, at the discretion of the Monthly Meeting—the several Monthly Meetings to notify the Committee at their meeting in the 10th month, of their conclusion, in case they propose to occupy the privilege in the summer term.

The Committee feel it right to express their belief, that

there are advantages to be derived to the youth of our society at the school, which should serve as an encouragement to Friends to place their children there, that they may acquire a guarded religious education, free from many of the temptations to which they are necessarily exposed in more mixed schools, especially those over which Friends have little or no control.

And we would earnestly press upon Friends the importance to the society of a continued individual interest in the welfare of the Institution, in whose endowment and management such lively concern has been manifested by valuable Friends who are now gathered to their rest.

Signed on behalf and by direction of the Committee,
STEPHEN A. CHASE, *Clerk.*

Providence, 6th month 1st, 1847.

As the time of service of three of the members of the School Committee appointed last year will expire at the present time, agreeably to our present arrangement, our friends Thomas Anthony, Edmund Chace, Nathan Breed, William H. Chase, Isaac Lawrence, George Howland, Lemuel Jones, Nathan Douglass, Thomas Grover, Moses Farnum, Ebenezer Fry, Alton Pope, Joseph Tuttle, Benjamin Fry, William Farr and David Douglass, are requested to propose to a future sitting of this meeting, the names of three friends to serve on the School Committee, in place of our friends Perez Peck, John Meader, and Samuel Boyd Tobey, whose names stand first on the list of last year.

William Reynolds, George Howland, Micajah C. Pratt, Henry M. Minott, John Osborne, Edmund Cates, Benajah Buffum, and David Douglass, are appointed to examine and settle the Treasurer's account, consider of a sum suitable to be raised by this Meeting the present year, and propose the name of a friend for Treasurer.

Adjourned to the 10th hour to-morrow morning.

Third day morning, the 15th. Friends convened pursuant to adjournment. The representatives being called, were all present.

The Meeting entered upon the investigation of the state of society by reading the Queries and Answers to them received at this time from our several Quarterly Meetings, and proceeded therein as far as the 4th inclusive. During this important engagement we were sensibly solemnized in feeling together, and under the baptizing influence of Divine love, much pertinent counsel and advice were given by concerned brethren. We were impressively reminded of the paramount duty of meeting together for the worship of our Father in heaven, not only on first day of the week, but on other days when a greater sacrifice may seem to be required. We were admonished to remember the source from whence proceed all our blessings; that it is from God alone that we derive all that we are permitted to enjoy, whether spiritual or temporal; that it is in Him we live, and move, and have our being. We were exhorted to hold fast the profession of our faith without wavering, being concerned to provoke one another to love and good works, and not neglect the assembling of ourselves together. Much sympathy was manifested for Friends in lonely situations, where their meetings are very small; but they were earnestly exhorted to faithfulness in the attendance of them—that although they may be frequently held in silence, yet, as we are engaged to wait upon the Lord, they often prove seasons of refreshment. Concerned Friends were encouraged to labor faithfully with those who may be remiss in the discharge of this and other Christian duties, although it may be under a sense of much weakness; that, while they may feel their own unworthiness, they fail not to do what is required at their hands by the Head of the Church, by sinking below the gifts he has conferred upon them. Friends were encouraged to leave their worldly occupations, to close their places of business if needful, in order for the due attendance of our week-day meetings, under an awful sense that He, unto whom worship is due, may even curse our blessings. We were very impressively exhorted to watch the door of our lips, that we sin not with our tongues; that, under a sense of our own frailties, we cultivate charity towards others, and scrupulously avoid indulging in a spirit of detraction, which tends to our own

poverty and the injury of our fellow men. We were reminded that, as God is love, and as his love has been so abundantly manifested to us, in that He gave his well beloved Son for us, that it is indeed incumbent upon us to love one another, and to do good one unto another; and that they who have known this love shed abroad in their hearts, cannot fail to feel it flow unto others, producing a spirit of forgiveness towards those who have trespassed against us, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven us. The injunction of our Lord, of universal application, "Whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them," was very feelingly held up to view as the rule that should at all times govern us in our intercourse with our fellow men. The right training of our children was pertinently dwelt upon, and its necessity enforced as essential to their good, and to the discharge of the responsibility resting upon parents towards those whom our Heavenly Father has entrusted to our care. We were reminded that, by indulging in a mistaken tenderness, we were inflicting a serious injury upon our offspring; but that as we were engaged to exercise parental authority in love, it would prove a discipline to our children, by which they might be incited more carefully to heed the requirements of their Heavenly Parent; and habits of obedience be established which would be preserving in their future course of life. Finally, both parents and children were affectionately entreated to observe their respective relative duties, that thus they might witness the dew of Heaven to rest upon them.

Adjourned to the fourth hour this afternoon.

Afternoon. Friends again assembled.

The Meeting proceeded in the consideration of the state of Society, by reading the remaining answers to the queries. While thus engaged, we thankfully acknowledge that a precious, solemn covering was felt to be mercifully extended over us. A living concern was manifested for the preservation of our members from the reading of pernicious books, which are at this day so abundant in the world; and for their encour-

agement in the frequent, reverent perusal of the Holy Scriptures, in accordance with the continued concern of this Society since its first rise, and which was so eminently exhibited, practically, by our forefathers in the truth. We were affectionately reminded that they who are most carefully engaged to follow the direct and immediate leadings of the Spirit of Truth, most highly reverence and value these sacred writings, which were given forth by the same Spirit, and which have been so marvellously preserved, pure and unmutilated, to the present day, and which are able to make wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus. Parents were affectionately encouraged often to assemble their families for the purpose of reading a portion of the Holy Scriptures, and in silent introversion of mind, and with prayerful hearts meditating thereon, that their precious contents may be opened to our understandings and blessed to us. We were entreated not to be taken in that snare of the enemy which is laid for us, by inducing us to neglect this practice from fear of being found in a lifeless formality in its maintenance ; but that while we should guard, with godly jealousy, against this error on the one hand, we were impressively reminded that we might err on the other hand, and neglect the observance of those necessary practices which are essential to our Christian advancement, and which are in the ordering of Him who knows our necessities, and who has so abundantly provided for them.

The following is a summary of the answers received :

Answer 1st. Nearly all our meetings, both for worship and discipline, have been duly held. Exceptions are noticed in the holding of small meetings for worship in the answers from five of our Quarterly Meetings, occasioned principally by sickness and inclemency of the weather. Meetings on first days appear to have been generally attended by most Friends, while mid-week meetings, and those for discipline, are more neglected by some. The hour is nearly observed. Generally clear of unbecoming behavior, a few instances of sleeping excepted. Care appears to have been extended.

2d. Love and unity are in a good degree maintained, and

detracton mostly guarded against, yet not without some exceptions. When differences have arisen, care appears to have been taken to end them.

3d. Friends are generally careful to bring up those under their direction in plainness ; to restrain them from pernicious reading and from corrupting conversation, and to be exemplary herein themselves ; yet a deficiency is manifest in a few, in these respects. The Holy Scriptures appear to be frequently read in most Friends' families.

4th. Friends are generally careful to confine the use of spirituous liquors to medicinal purposes. A few exceptions are noticed in the answers from four of our Quarterly Meetings, all of which are under care. The unnecessary frequenting of taverns, and places of public resort, mostly avoided. Moderation and temperance appear to be maintained on the occasions referred to.

5th. Friends are generally careful in the several parts of this query. A few instances of minors being placed from among Friends are noticed in the answers from one of our Quarterly Meetings, and one exception is given in another.

6th. Most Friends appear to be careful that all proceedings with respect to marriage be conformable to discipline. A few instances of deviation are reported by four of our Quarterly Meetings ; most of which are under notice.

7th. Generally clear. Two exceptions of a military nature are noticed in the answers from one Quarterly Meeting, in which some care has been taken. Some falling short in the full maintenance of our testimony to a free gospel ministry is also reported by one Quarterly Meeting, and an instance of one individual attending meetings of other denominations by another.

8th. Friends appear to be generally careful in the several parts of this query.

9th. Marriages are all recorded. A good degree of care appears to be taken in regard to the record of births, deaths, and burials. A few removals without certificate, most of which are under notice.

10th. Care appears to be generally taken to deal with offenders as queried, though not in all cases so seasonably as would be best; and endeavors are used to place judgment according to discipline.

Having at this Meeting the acceptable company of our beloved friends Lydia Dean of Ferrisburgh Monthly and Quarterly Meeting, Vermont, and Phebe C. Haines of Redstone Monthly and Quarterly Meeting, satisfactory testimonials from their respective meetings were read at this time expressive of the unity of their friends with them as ministers, and with their present religious engagements. We have also the acceptable company of our esteemed friend Eli Haines, an elder in unity, companion to his wife in her present religious visit, and of our friend Cynthia Knowles, companion to our friend Lydia Dean, satisfactory certificates from whose respective meetings were read at this time.

A Testimony of Smithfield Monthly Meeting, approved by Smithfield Quarterly Meeting, concerning our late beloved friend Alice Rathbun, has been read at this time; and being satisfactory, it is directed to be recorded.

A proposal, from Fairfield and Vassalboro' Quarterly Meetings, in relation to some change in the time of holding those meetings, being contained in their reports received at this time, a committee was appointed to take the same into consideration, and report to a future sitting of this meeting.

A proposition contained in the report of Fairfield Quarterly Meeting, relative to the expenses incurred by the Yearly Meeting, being brought into consideration, the subject is referred to the representatives from the several Quarterly Meetings, who are requested to report to a future sitting.

Adjourned to 11 o'clock to-morrow morning.

Fourth day morning, the 16th. Friends assembled according to adjournment, the representatives all present.

The records of the Meeting for Sufferings for the past year were laid before us, and read, and the proceedings of that Meeting in relation to the various subjects that have claimed

its attention are satisfactory to us, as has been very fully expressed at this time ; and a committee was appointed to propose to a future sitting the names of suitable Friends to constitute a Meeting for Sufferings for the ensuing year.

A testimony of Weare Monthly Meeting, approved by Salem Quarterly Meeting, concerning our late beloved friend John Page, and one of Unity Monthly Meeting, approved by Vassalboro' Quarterly Meeting, concerning our late beloved friend Phebe B. Taber, were read at this time, and being approved, are directed to be recorded.

Adjourned to five o'clock this afternoon.

Afternoon. Friends again met.

By the records of the Meeting for Sufferings, it appearing that that Meeting had proposed some changes in our Discipline on the subject of marriage, the same were now laid before us and deliberately considered, and being united with, are adopted by this Meeting as its Discipline in this respect ; and the Clerk is directed to place the same upon our records, and transmit them to our Quarterly and Monthly Meetings, the women's Yearly Meeting uniting herein ; and the several Meetings are desired to place the same in our Book of Discipline.

The committee to whom was referred the consideration of the propositions of Vassalboro' and Fairfield Quarterly Meetings, in relation to a change in the time and places of holding their meetings, made a report, which is united with, and the changes proposed are approved and adopted by this Meeting, (the women's Yearly Meeting uniting therein,) and are as follows : That Fairfield Quarterly Meeting be held in future at Fairfield in the 11th and 5th months, and at Hallowell in the 9th and 2d months ; and that the Quarterly Meeting in the 5th month be held on the fourth day of the same week in which it is now held ; and that Vassalboro' Quarterly Meeting in the 5th month be held on the 6th day of the same week in which it is now held.

The committee on the concern of this Meeting in relation

to the Penobscot and Passamaquoddy tribes of Indians, made the following report, viz :

TO THE YEARLY MEETING :

The Committee having the care of the concern of Friends for the improvement of the condition of the Penobscot and Passamaquoddy Tribes of Indians, report,

That they have not been unmindful of the object of their appointment. They have had several meetings of conference in relation to their welfare ; and, although the way has not opened for much active service, yet, we are encouraged to believe that the time is near when Friends will again visit them at their several locations.

STEPHEN JONES, Jr.,

On behalf of the Committee :

—which is acceptable to us—and although it appears that way has not opened for Friends to attend to much active service on their behalf, during the past year, yet we are encouraged to believe that usefulness may still continue to result from the concern of this Meeting—and the Committee are continued and desired to render them such aid and advice as they may be enabled to do, and report to this meeting next year. Our friends, Samuel Taylor, jr. and Eli Jones, are added to the Committee.

Adjourned to the 4th hour to-morrow afternoon.

Fifth day afternoon, the 17th. The Meeting assembled pursuant to adjournment. The representatives being called, were all present.

The Committee appointed to take into consideration subjects connected with the Boarding School, made the following Report, viz :

TO THE YEARLY MEETING :

The Committee appointed to take into consideration subjects connected with the Boarding School, report,

That in their judgment usefulness might result from admitting into the Boarding School, in some special cases, children

who are not members of our society, who are under the care of Friends, and being brought up as such. The compensation to be \$45 per term. We propose the following Friends in the place of those whose time of service has expired according to the regulations adopted at our last Yearly Meeting, viz: Thomas Anthony, George Howland, jr., Gideon C. Smith, Elizabeth Wing, Phebe R. Gifford, Ann B. Earle.

On behalf of the Committee,

LEMUEL JONES,
RUTH EARLE:

—which is satisfactory—and our friends Thomas Anthony, Geo. Howland, jr., and Gideon C. Smith, are appointed on the part of this Meeting in addition to those now under appointment, viz: Samuel Taylor, jr., John Osborne, Joseph Metcalf, Samuel Boyce, John D. Lang, William A. Robinson, Stephen A. Chase, David Buffum, Rowland Greene, to superintend the various concerns of our Boarding School at Providence, with the usual powers confided by this Meeting to the School Committee, and they are requested to report to this Meeting next year.

[Women's Committee.—Lydia Congdon, Sophronia Page, Susan Howland, Joanna Peck, Eunice Metcalf, Ann Elmira Lang, Eliza A. Osborne, Mary Shove, Mary B. Allen, Elizabeth Wing, Phebe R. Gifford, and Ann B. Earle.]

The Committee on the subject of Education appointed by this Meeting last year, made the following report, viz:

TO THE YEARLY MEETING:

The Committee on the subject of Education, appointed at our last Yearly Meeting, report,

That they have endeavored to attend to the duties of their appointment, and have met at the time and places specified, viz: at the School House in Providence, in the 10th month last, and at this place during the present week.

At the Meeting in the 10th month last, several of the members of this Committee met with the School Committee, and were present at the examination of the schools, with which they were well satisfied; and we have felt concerned to encourage our dear friends to avail themselves of the privilege of sending their children to the school, believing that they may enjoy benefits there, that they cannot obtain in mixed schools.

From reports received during the present week from differ-

ent sections of the Yearly Meeting, we are encouraged to believe, that an increasing interest is generally felt among Friends for the guarded education of their children.

The following statistical information, collected in accordance with a proposition adopted in the 10th month last, containing returns from all the Monthly Meetings in the Yearly Meeting except four, was also received at this time.

No. of children between the ages of 4 and 16,	1308
“ “ “ “ 16 and 20,	551
“ Monthly Meeting Schools,	1
“ Preparative “	3
“ Family Schools,	6
“ children attending Friends' Schools exclusively as such,	171
“ Friends' children attending mixed schools,	1443

The minutes of the School Committee for the last year having been laid before us, both at this and the Meeting in the 10th month last, were read, and an interchange of thought and feeling was freely entered into. The faithfulness of that Committee in their arduous duties, as manifested by the reading of the minutes, has been very satisfactory to us, and we have much desired their encouragement herein.

Many very pertinent remarks were made by members both of this and of the School Committee, urging upon Friends the responsibility which they are under, of endeavoring to give their children a guarded religious education at home, in order to counteract the many evils resulting from so large a proportion of our children attending mixed schools.

From the new and untried situation in which they found themselves placed, the Committee have not accomplished as much as they could have desired, but hope that usefulness will result from their labors.

Signed on behalf and by direction of the Committee,
GEO. HOWLAND, Jr., *Clerk.*

Newport, 6th month 16th, 1847.

—which is acceptable to us; and the labors of the Committee under their appointment are satisfactory to this Meeting; and the same Committee are continued under appointment on the part of this Meeting for another year, with the exception of our friend George Howland, jr., now appointed on the School Committee, and of Joseph Cartland, removed from within the limits of Limmington Monthly Meeting, and the appointment of William P. Howland and Joshua Cobb, in their places re-

spectively; and the Committee are encouraged and desired to continue to attend to the concern of this Meeting in their appointment, and to report next year. The Meeting was introduced into much exercise in view of the statistical facts brought before us in the foregoing report, and Friends were encouraged to increasing exertion to promote more fully a religious, guarded education among the youth of our Society.

The Committee to whom it was referred to propose the names of Friends to compose a Meeting for Sufferings, reported the following, viz: Rowland Greene, John Warren, Abraham Shearman, jr., Estis Newhall, Matthew Purinton, James N. Fry, Nicholas Congdon, Thomas Anthony, Edward Wing, Benjamin Fry, John Osborne, Jonathan Dennis, David Buffum, Abijah Chase, Perez Peck, William Reynolds, Moses Farnum, Joseph Metcalf, John Meader, George Howland, Nathan Pope, Samuel Boyd Tobey, John D. Lang, Moses H. Beede, Samuel Taylor, jr., Edmund Chase, Allen Wing, Samuel Boyce, John Howland, Joseph Taber of Albion, Timothy C. Collins, Beriah Collins, Olney Thompson, Abraham Barker of Tiverton, Lemuel Jones of Brunswick, Thomas Harkness, Stephen Jones, jr., Lindley M. Hoag, David K. Aikin, Stephen A. Chase, William H. Chase, David Douglass, William Farr and Isaac Lawrence, which are satisfactory to this Meeting, and they are appointed to constitute a Meeting for Sufferings on behalf of this Meeting for the ensuing year, and desired to attend to such subjects connected with the welfare of our religious Society as may properly claim their attention, according to the original organization of that Meeting.

Believing that usefulness may result from printing the minutes of this Meeting, or suitable extracts therefrom, and furnishing them to our subordinate Meetings and the families of Friends, the Clerks are requested, with the assistance of our friends Stephen A. Chase, John Meader and John D. Lang, to prepare them for the press, and cause a sufficient number to be printed to meet the purpose contemplated by this Meeting. The Clerk is directed to transmit the same to our Quarterly Meetings.

The Committee appointed in relation to the subject of our correspondence with Philadelphia and Ohio Yearly Meetings, made the following report, which is satisfactory and fully united with by this Meeting, viz:

The Committee appointed to consider the circumstance of our Yearly Meeting not having received epistles from our brethren of the Yearly Meetings of Philadelphia and Ohio,

neither at this time nor at our last Yearly Meeting, have met and deliberated thereon; and in the course of this deliberation have been introduced into a deep feeling of sorrow and regret, that an epistolary intercourse which has long subsisted, as we trust, to the mutual benefit of the Yearly Meetings and to the promotion of the cause we profess to advocate, by drawing closer the cords of Christian love between brethren of the same religious profession, and thereby imparting strength to hold fast to this our profession, should by any means be interrupted.

Our epistolary intercourse with the Yearly Meeting of Philadelphia, has subsisted for more than 140 years. It was commenced, we doubt not, under the influence of the Spirit of Truth, and on the proposal of the brethren of Philadelphia Yearly Meeting, at a time when, in the early days of our history as a distinct religious body, our worthy predecessors were enabled by the grace of God, faithfully and fearlessly to stand for the cause of true and vital Christianity, and were largely instrumental in the Divine hand in holding forth to the world the standard of true, vital, spiritual religion; even the religion of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, who has graciously declared that he came that his humble dedicated followers might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly.

With Ohio Yearly Meeting we began our intercourse at the commencement of their holding a Yearly Meeting, at which time we addressed them in brotherly love, and gave them our hearty salutation.

We have endeavored, according to our measure, in the light of truth, to examine whether any thing on the part of this Yearly Meeting has caused the interruption in the friendly interchange of these proofs of brotherly regard. We are not sensible that any thing of this kind has taken place. Why then should we cease to regard the members of these Yearly Meetings as our brethren, one in religious profession, and bound by the bonds of the gospel to be one another's helpers in the Lord.

The spirit of the gospel is the spirit of restoring love. He that came that we, being enemies, might be reconciled unto God, is, as we humbly believe, graciously disposed, by the shedding forth of the blessed influences of his love, to reconcile us, not only unto himself, but one unto another, and to be a healer of breaches, as well as a restorer of paths to dwell in.

Reverently looking unto him, therefore, for a blessing on our endeavors to manifest our continued love for these our brethren, we have prepared essays for epistles to each of the

Yearly Meetings of Philadelphia and Ohio, which we submit to the consideration of the Yearly Meeting.

On behalf of the committee,

ROWLAND GREENE,
ABRAHAM SHEARMAN, JR.,

THOMAS JONES,
JOHN WARREN.

Newport, 6th mo. 17, 1847.

The essays of the epistles to our brethren of Philadelphia and Ohio, referred to in the foregoing report, were now read, and being approved and fully united with, the Clerk is directed to sign them on our behalf, and forward them to those Meetings respectively.

The Committee on the correspondence are requested to present to our next sitting, minutes for our friends, now in attendance of this Meeting, from other Yearly Meetings on this continent. [Our friends Benjamin Seeböhm and Robert Lindsey, not having accomplished their prospect of service within this Yearly Meeting, the subject of preparing returning minutes on their behalf was deferred.]

Adjourned to ten o'clock to-morrow morning.

Sixth day morning, the 18th. Friends again convened pursuant to adjournment. The representatives all present but one, for whose absence a satisfactory reason was rendered.

We have been introduced into tender sympathy, at this time, with our dear friends in different meetings, who are still brought into trials in consequence of the recent secessions within their limits; and under this feeling we appoint our friends John Warren, John D. Lang, John Osborne, Isaac Lawrence, David Buffum, Samuel Boyd Tobey, George Howland, Samuel Taylor, Jr., John Howland, Stephen Jones, Jr., John Meader, Estis Newhall, and Thomas Anthony, to attend such of those meetings as way may open for, and to seek in the meekness of wisdom which may be graciously afforded them, to render such advice and assistance as may tend to the strengthening of Friends under their present difficulties, and to the prosperity of truth.

The Committee on the concern of this Meeting for the Indians located west of the Mississippi, made the following report, viz :

TO THE YEARLY MEETING, NOW SITTING :

The Committee having charge of the concern of New England and New York Yearly Meetings, relative to the Indians located west of the Mississippi, report :

That they have not been unmindful of the important trust confided to them, but way has not opened for much active

service since our last Yearly Meeting. Some of its members have, however, kept up a correspondence with Friends of some of the Yearly Meetings who have the more immediate charge of the Shawnee school, by which we are informed that that institution is in a more flourishing condition than heretofore, both as respects the dwelling-house and other buildings, as well as the size and improvement of the school. This institution, in the opinion of the committee, promises much usefulness to the tribe in which it is situated. Our information does not enable us to speak very definitively with regard to the other tribes that have been visited by Friends of this Yearly Meeting ; but from the best information which we have, we are of opinion that no very decided change has been wrought for the better.

We have received a communication from the committee of Baltimore Yearly Meeting, on the concern of that Meeting for the Indians west of the Mississippi, accompanied by a document from the War Department containing instructions to its officers and agents, which we herewith submit to the Yearly Meeting.

In conclusion we would remark, that, in our opinion, some usefulness has arisen to the Indians from the part that Friends have taken in their concerns.

On behalf of the committee,

JOHN HOWLAND.

Newport, 6th mo. 18, 1847.

—Which is satisfactory to us. And although way has not opened during the past year for much active service on the part of this committee, we deem it right still to continue under appointment a committee for the purpose of rendering any service that they may be enabled to do in promotion of the original concern of this Meeting : and our friends, John D. Lang, Samuel Taylor, Jr., John Meader, John Osborne, Lindley M. Hoag, Samuel Boyce, Samuel Boyd Tobey, George Howland, John Howland, Benjamin Fry, David Buffum, and Stephen A. Chase, are appointed to this service.

The Committee to settle the Treasurer's account, and for other purposes, made the following report, viz :

TO THE YEARLY MEETING, NOW SITTING :

The Committee appointed to settle the Treasurer's account, and for other purposes, report : That we have examined and settled his account, and find a balance due him of \$563 80. We would propose the sum of two thousand dollars to be

raised for the service of the Yearly Meeting the ensuing year, and nominate David Buffum for Treasurer.

On behalf of the committee,

GEORGE HOWLAND.

Newport, 6th mo. 17, 1847.

—Which is satisfactory ; and our Quarterly Meetings are requested to raise their several proportions of the sum proposed, \$2,000, and to forward the same to our Treasurer, to which service we appoint our friend David Buffum, as proposed in the above report.

The Meeting for Sufferings is requested still to continue its attention to a revision of our Discipline, as way may open for in the truth.

The Clerk is directed to sign on our behalf the following minutes for our friends now in attendance of this Meeting, viz :

Our beloved friend Charles Haviland attended this Meeting. His company and religious services have been acceptable to us.

[A similar minute for our friends Lydia Dean and Phebe C. Haines.]

Our esteemed friend Eli Haines attended this Meeting as companion to his wife. His company and solid deportment have been acceptable and satisfactory to us.

[A similar minute for our friend Cynthia Knowles.]

Among the exercises which have been with us during our deliberations at this time, has been a concern for the consistent and upright maintenance by all our members of our testimony to the unchristian nature of all wars and fightings—a testimony in accordance with the belief and practice of the primitive followers of Christ. We are liable at this time to some peculiar temptations on this account. Our country is involved in war with a neighboring nation, and armies are contending in the field ; and the testimony of the Scripture, that “every battle of the warrior is with confused noise and garments rolled in blood,” is brought home to us by frequent intelligence from the scene of strife. We earnestly desire that all our dear friends may be mercifully preserved in a Christian frame of mind under these trying circumstances.

To the humble follower of Him whose kingdom is not of this world, but who, as a stranger and pilgrim here, is journeying towards another country, that is, a heavenly—how do the destruction and horrors of the field of battle, or the city made desolate by an encompassing foe, the tears of the widow and the cries of the orphan, fill his mind with sorrow ! He can have no sentiment allied to rejoicing at scenes like these. His soul must be clothed with mourning and his spirit with lamen-

tation, and his prayers will be, that that day may be hastened when the nations shall learn war no more.

Our dear friends are affectionately entreated to be careful how they expose themselves unnecessarily to temptations calculated to lead the mind from a right frame of thought on these subjects; or by mingling with those who take delight in such strife, become in any measure leavened into their spirit; that in all our intercourse with the world, we may manifest ourselves to be followers of Him whose advent was announced by the song of the heavenly host, of peace on earth and good will to men.

In contemplating the present war in which our country is engaged, its exceeding wickedness has been forcibly presented to us, not only in its direct consequences as a war, but in the principal object, which, as we believe, produced it, namely, the perpetuation and extension of slavery. We have been concerned that our members may keep ever before them the miseries and sinfulness inseparable from the practice of holding our fellow-men in bondage, and its utter inconsistency with the command of Christ, "Whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them"; and that we fail not, faithfully, in the fear of the Lord, to bear our testimony against it, not feeling excused therefrom in consequence of its practical enactment not coming immediately before our view in this part of our land.

Essays of epistles to our brethren of the Yearly Meetings in London, Ireland, New York, Baltimore, North Carolina, and Indiana, were read at this time, and, being approved, the Clerk is directed to sign them on our behalf, and forward them to those Meetings respectively.

The Clerk is authorized to make any necessary extracts from our Minutes, not already provided for, and sign them on our behalf.

At this stage of our Meeting, a truly acceptable and edifying Epistle from our brethren of the Yearly Meeting of London, held last month, was received and read.

Having been favored, during the several sittings of this Meeting, to witness, as we humbly trust, the overshadowing wing of Ancient Goodness to be very near us, under which we have been enabled to attend to the various important concerns of the Church that have claimed our attention, in unity and love, under a humbling sense of the mercy vouchsafed to us, we now conclude, proposing to meet again in this place at the usual time next year, if the Lord permit.

SAMUEL BOYD TOBEY,

Clerk to the Meeting this year.

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AT our Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England, held on Rhode Island, commencing with public meetings for worship at Newport and Portsmouth on first day the 11th; and at Newport for discipline on second day morning the 12th of sixth month, 1848—

By the Reports received from our several Quarterly Meetings, we are informed that they have appointed the following Friends as representatives to this Meeting, viz :

FROM RHODE ISLAND—Rowland Greene, John Meader, Oliver Earle, Thomas Harkness, Moses H. Beede, Thomas Anthony, Timothy C. Collins, David Buffum, Perez Peck and Jacob H. Vining.

FROM SALEM—Micajah C. Pratt, Samuel Boyce, Newell Ordway, Enoch Page, Thomas W. Thorndike, Solomon Varney, Stephen A. Chase and Herrod Chace.

FROM SANDWICH—John Howland, Isaac Lawrence, William C. Taber, David Kelley, Isaac R. Gifford, William Mitchell, Rufus Shearman, Newell Hoxie, John W. Gifford, and Calvin Shepherd.

FROM FALMOUTH—Thomas Jones, Nathan Douglas, Lemuel Jones of Brunswick, John W. Minot, Henry M. Minot, David Winslow, Elisha Jones, Nathan Pope and John Buffum.

FROM SMITHFIELD—Joseph Clapp, Arad Aldrich, James N. Fry, Samuel H. Colton, Thomas Grover and John Osborne.

From VASSALBORO'—Edmund Cates, Joseph Taber, Clement Rackliff, Edmund Whitehouse, Joseph H. Cole, Elisha Jones and Stephen Jones, Jr.

From DOVER—Benjamin Fry, Jacob K. Purington, Walter Sawyer, Benjamin H. Jones, Samuel Dennis and William Jepson.

From FAIRFIELD—Elijah Pope, Reuben Jones, David Douglass, Alden Sampson and Samuel Taylor, Jr.—

whose names being called, they were all present except three, for whose absence sufficient reasons were assigned.

Our beloved friends, Benjamin Seeböhm and Robert Lindsey, from Great Britain, who attended this Meeting last year, and whose certificates were then read, and duly acknowledged upon our Records, are again very acceptably with us at the present time.

We have at this Meeting the acceptable company of our beloved friends Richard Mott, from Purchase Monthly Meeting of Friends, State of New York; Lindley M. Hoag, from New York Monthly Meeting; John Scott, from Baltimore Monthly Meeting, Maryland; Thomas Wells, from Miami Monthly Meeting, Ohio; Charles Taber, from Farnham Monthly Meeting, East Canada; Phebe Field, from Scipio Monthly Meeting, New York; Abigail R. Hoag, from Ferrisburgh Monthly Meeting, Vermont; Rachel Kimber, from New York Monthly Meeting; Persis Hazard, from Ferrisburgh Monthly Meeting; and Seneca Hazard, from the same Monthly Meeting, who accompanies his wife. Satisfactory testimonials from their several Meetings, of unity with them as ministers, and in their present religious engagements, were read at this time.

We have also the acceptable company of our beloved friends, Nehemiah Merritt and Sarah S. Merritt, from Scipio Monthly Meeting; and of Joshua Kimber, from New York Monthly Meeting, who accompanies his wife; who presented satisfactory minutes from their respective Monthly Meetings.

We have received and read at this time the printed General

Epistle of the Yearly Meeting of London, of last year ; and the revival of the important truths, and the salutary counsel contained therein, were solemnizing, instructive and strengthening to us.

We have also received epistles addressed to this Meeting from the Yearly Meetings of London, New York, Baltimore, North Carolina and Indiana, which are truly acceptable, and have proved at this time renewedly confirming to us of the excellence and benefit of this correspondence, when conducted under the qualification and influence under which we unhesitatingly believe it was established, in the ordering of the Great Head of the Church.

A communication from Dublin Yearly Meeting, through the correspondents, acknowledging the receipt of an "acceptable epistle" from us, issued to them by this Meeting, last year, was also received at this time.

We appoint our friends, Rowland Greene, John Meader, Thomas Anthony, John Osborne, Walter Sawyer, John D. Lang, William C. Taber, Samuel Boyce, John Warren, Samuel Taylor, Jr., Stephen A. Chase, Daniel Taber, Nathan Breed of Lynn, Lemuel Jones of Brunswick, Edmund Cates, Thomas S. Gifford, William H. Chace, Joseph Metcalf, Caleb Jones, Moses Farnum, Joseph H. Cole, Jacob H. Vining, Alden Sampson, Newell Hoxie, Moses H. Beede, Samuel Boyd Tobey, John Howland, Nathan Douglass, Isaac R. Gifford, Perez Peck, Tobias Meader, David Dudley, David Rodman, Jacob K. Purington and Stephen Jones, Jr., to meet together, and seeking to know the mind of Truth, under the qualification that they may graciously receive, prepare Essays of Epistles to the several Yearly Meetings of Friends, as way may open for it.

The following information is appended to the New York Epistle, viz :

"Correspondents.—John Duel for Saratoga Monthly Meeting, in place of Paul Kirby, released at his request. Address Mechanicsville, Saratoga County, N. Y.

Ephraim Potter for Granville Monthly Meeting, in place of Harris Otis, deceased. Address Granville, Washington County, N. Y.

John Bevaus for Pelham Monthly Meeting, in place of Joseph King, deceased. Address Pelham Post-Office, Niagara District, Canada West, via Lewiston.

Paul Southwick, Peru Monthly Meeting. Address Keesville, Clinton County, N. Y."

By the accounts received at this time, it appears that *Rhode Island* Quarterly Meeting has united with Greenwich Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Anna Howland to the station of an Elder; that *Salem* has united with Seabrook Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Cynthia W. Huntington to the same station; that *Sandwich* has united with Dartmouth Monthly Meeting in approving the public appearances in the ministry of Sarah Potter; with New Bedford Monthly Meeting in approving the like appearances of Josiah Holmes, Jr.; with Sandwich Monthly Meeting in the appointment of David Kelley to the station of an Elder; and with Dartmouth Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Isaac R. Gifford and Mary Gifford to the same station; that *Smithfield* has united with Smithfield Monthly Meeting in approving the public appearances and gift in the ministry of Thomas Grover; and with the same Meeting in the appointment of Elizabeth A. Osborne to the station of an Elder; that *Vassalboro'* has united with China Monthly Meeting in approving the gift and public appearances in the ministry of Elisha Jones; and with the same Meeting in the appointment of Otis Hawes to the station of an Elder; and with Vassalboro' Monthly Meeting in approving the gift and public appearances in the ministry of Benjamin Worth.

All the Quarterly Meetings inform, that they have given the necessary attention to raising the Stock called for by this Meeting last year.

Adjourned to 4 o'clock this afternoon.

Afternoon, Friends met pursuant to adjournment.

Rowland Green, on behalf of the representatives, informed the Meeting that they had conferred together, and were united in proposing Samuel Boyd Tobey for Clerk, and John Osborne for Assistant Clerk, which being approved, they are appointed to those stations for the ensuing year.

The Records of this Meeting for last year were at this time read.

The Committee having charge of our Boarding School, presented the following Report, viz. :

" To the Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England.

The Committee for the Superintendence of the Yearly Meeting Boarding School at Providence, have, during the past year, attended to the duties of their appointment.

The School has been continued through the year (with the usual vacations) under the charge of Silas and Sarah M. Cornell, as Superintendents and principal Teachers.

During the Summer Term, we had the services of Charles Atherton and Edward G. Hoag as assistant Teachers in the male department of the school, and Lafayette Burr, a young man connected with Brown University, has, through the year, given lessons in the Latin and Greek languages for five days in the week, to a class in this school. Richard Dame has also assisted in teaching the languages during part of the time. In the Girls' School, Gertrude E. Whittier and Sarah Alice Cornell served as Teachers.

During the Winter Term, in the Boys' School, the same teachers remained, and the school being large, Lindley M. Moore was engaged as assistant teacher in addition.

Martha M. Haines, Sarah Joy Brown and Sarah Alice Cornell, were assistant teachers in the Girls' School during the same Term.

In addition to the Monthly Meetings of the Committee, and intermediate visits by sub-committees regularly appointed at these meetings for that service, semi-annual examinations at the close of each term, have been attended by the Committee ; that at the close of the Summer Term being also attended by a number of the Yearly Meeting's Committee on education.

Our several examinations in these various forms, have been in general satisfactory. The Friends in the immediate care of the Institution, as superintendents, teachers, or in the more subordinate stations, have evinced a careful regard for the good of the School, and a concern for the faithful performance of

their duties to their interesting charge, which have been satisfactory to the Committee.

Of the scholars, both male and female, we may say, that generally their deportment has been orderly, and their attention to their studies and improvement therein commendable—and we are encouraged to believe that the school has continued to be useful, in promoting the literary advancement of the scholars—and favorable, under the Divine blessing, to the awakening and strengthening good resolutions for a consistent course in after life.

The average number of scholars has been one hundred and one, viz. : fifty-five males, and forty-six females.

Meetings for worship have been regularly held at the times appointed—and the family has been preserved in much harmony.

The accounts of the Superintendent and Treasurer of the School Fund, have been examined and audited. The expenditures of the School for the past year, ending with the last winter term, have been twelve thousand, eight hundred and seventeen dollars and forty-three cents. The income has been as follows: Interest from the School Fund, six thousand, two hundred and forty-six dollars, seventy-seven cents;—from Board and Tuition of scholars, (including \$130 87 for articles sold and \$157 20 due from scholars for the past terms,) five thousand, three hundred and thirty-eight dollars, and seventy-seven cents. Total income, eleven thousand, five hundred and eighty-five dollars, and fifty-four cents—leaving a deficiency of income to meet expenditures of twelve hundred and thirty-one dollars, eighty-nine cents.

The available balance in the hands of the Treasurer in the Fifth month last, the time of the examination, may be stated at eleven hundred and eleven dollars and forty-six cents.

Considerable amount of repairs and alterations has been made during the past year, particularly in the warming and cooking apparatus at the School House, and some improvement about the grounds, the expense of which, exceeding sixteen hundred dollars, is included in the expenditures above reported.

We would propose, that the terms of Board and Tuition should be continued as last year, viz. Thirty dollars per Term for members of our Yearly Meeting ; forty-five dollars for those not members, one or both of whose parents are members, and fifty dollars for any others who may be admitted—and that each Monthly Meeting have the privilege of sending one scholar free of expense for one term, the same to be occupied either at the next Winter or succeeding Summer Term, at the discretion of the Monthly Meeting. The several Monthly Meetings to notify the Committee at their meeting in the Tenth month of their conclusion, in case they propose to occupy the privilege in the Summer Term.

Among the subjects which have claimed the attention and concern of the Committee, has been the promotion of a conformity to our religious profession, and the requisitions of our discipline by the scholars, in plainness of dress and address. On this subject, labor and advice have been from time to time imparted in the schools. But the Committee have a strong belief of the importance of the care of parents, and of Monthly Meetings, with the children at home on these subjects. Under this belief, and in pursuance of what they believed their duty under their appointment, they issued, in the Third month last, a communication addressed to Friends in the several Monthly Meetings, on the subject of plainness of speech, behavior and apparel—a copy of which is herewith presented.

During the past year, the health of the inmates of the School has been generally good, although we have to note some sickness, particularly a prevalence of colds and sore throats in the Third month, with which eight or ten of the male scholars were more or less affected—and the removal by death of two young men, scholars in the school, during the year. The first was Thomas W. White, from Elizabeth City, Pacotank county, North Carolina, who died on the 20th of Eleventh month last, aged 21 years ; and of whom it was reported, that his deportment during all the time of his being at the School was orderly and satisfactory, never having in word or deed given occasion for reproof or dissatisfaction.

The second instance of mortality was Benjamin Winslow, of Winthrop, Maine, son of Joseph Winslow. He had been affected to some extent with sore throat, which had prevailed in the School, but from which he had nearly recovered, when he was seized with disease of the bowels, of which he died on the 3d of Fourth month, after a few days illness, aged 21 years. We believe it may not be without usefulness to say in this report, that the deportment of this young man, during the time he spent in the School, was very exemplary—and after his disease assumed a character which left him little or no prospect of recovery, he was favored unto the end, with much christian composure, and several times remarked, that although he felt his unworthiness to be great, yet he trusted that by the mercy of his Heavenly Father, through our Lord and Saviour, he should find forgiveness of his sins and be accepted. Death, he said, had no terrors for him. He manifested much gratitude towards those who had the care of him in his illness, and frequently spoke of his parents, towards whom he also felt very grateful, saying he believed their watchfulness and care over him, had done much towards preparing his mind for the solemn change that awaited him.

Signed on behalf and by direction of the School Committee,
STEPHEN A. CHASE, *Clerk*.

Providence, Fifth mo. 30th, 1848."

—which was interesting and satisfactory to this meeting, and the Clerk was directed to forward copies thereof to our Quarterly and Monthly Meetings, and with a desire that the fostering care of this Meeting may continue to be extended as fully as may be to this Institution, we appoint the following Friends to take into their solid and careful consideration, any subjects that may be presented to them affecting the general interests of the School, and report to a future sitting of this meeting, viz: John Meader, John D. Lang, Thomas Anthony, Moses Farnum, Stephen A. Chase, Stephen Jones, Jr., Edmund Chase, Nathan Douglass, Isaac Lawrence, Jacob H. Vining, George Howland, Jonathan Congdon, Samuel Taylor, Jr., Joseph Metcalf, Benjamin Fry, Isaac

R. Gifford, David Kelly, Moses F. Rogers, William C. Taber, Samuel Boyd Tobey, Tobias Meader, Samuel Boyce, George Howland, Jr., David K. Aiken, Joseph Taber, Elisha Jones of China, Alden Sampson, Nathan Pope, John Warren, Elisha Jones of Windham, Lemuel Jones of Brunswick, William Farr, Moses H. Beede, Daniel Taber, David Dudley, William A. Robinson, Walter Sawyer, Asa C. Tuttle, Jacob K. Purington, Newell Ordway, Samuel Dennis, David Douglas, Richard Battey, Caleb Jones, Herrod Chace, Thomas W. Thorndike, Henry M. Minot, Thomas Jones, John Osborne, Elijah Pope and Perez Peck.

Accompanying the Report of the School Committee was a detailed statement of the expenditures of the School, which was directed to be placed on file.

The Circular issued by the School Committee to Friends within the several Monthly Meetings, on the subject of plainness of speech, behavior and apparel, referred to in the report of the Committee, was also read and approved, and is as follows, viz :

“To Friends in the several Monthly Meetings, in the Yearly Meeting for New England.

The Committee for the government and superintendence of the Yearly Meeting Boarding School, in the discharge of the duties enjoined upon them by the Yearly Meeting,—believe it right to bring seriously to the view of Friends, the necessity of increased care and watchfulness on the subject of plainness of dress, and in language, with the children who are placed in the School. A strong desire has been felt by the Committee, that parents should more seriously feel their responsibility in relation to their children ; and should thereby be led to seek for ability to bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord,—remembering the encouraging language of Holy Scripture—‘Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from it.’

We would also express our concern that the Monthly Meetings would extend increasing care to the children, sent to the School, that they may be prepared as much as may be, to profit

by the labor and care extended to them while here. We believe a judicious care by Friends at home may do much to increase the usefulness of the School, and very much lighten the labors of those who may be employed in its superintendence,—and thus the concern of the Yearly Meeting in the establishment of the School be much furthered and promoted.

For the information of Friends we make the following extracts, from a minute of the School Committee, made Eighth month, 7th, 1835, and then transmitted to the Monthly Meetings,—and would desire the attention of Friends thereto.

‘At a meeting of the Committee of the New England Yearly Meeting Boarding School, held Eighth mo. 7th, 1835—The subject of an increased observance in this Institution of plainness of speech, behavior and apparel, having, from time to time, claimed the serious attention of this Committee, and a lively concern on this account having been manifested at our last Yearly Meeting, we have believed it right for us at this time to revive the subject to our friends.

While we feel that we are not called upon to enter extensively into a vindication of the propriety of maintaining our testimonies in the particulars alluded to, we would affectionately remind our younger friends, that they are in accordance, as we believe, with the beautiful system of Christian simplicity taught by our blessed Lord and his apostles. And we may appeal to the experience of our Society to prove, that they have been as a hedge round about us, which it has ever been perilous to break down: and when, in individual instances, this has been done, that weakness and loss have been the consequence.

We should ever remember the apostolic exhortation, ‘Let your moderation be known unto all men.’ And ‘let not your adorning be that outward adorning of plaiting the hair, and of wearing of gold and of putting on of apparel, but let it be the hidden man of the heart, in that which is not corruptible, even the ornament of a meek and quiet spirit, which is, in the sight of God, of great price.’

Were our minds, dear friends, duly impressed with a sense of the matchless love of our adorable Redeemer and Preserver—were our hopes and dependence placed on Him—how should

we be raised above the undue attachment to the things of time and sense and a conformity to the vain fashions and customs of the world. And in accordance with the recommendations of our Discipline, we earnestly desire that parents and guardians would impress upon the minds of their children, the necessity of maintaining plainness of speech, behavior and apparel, which is strictly required in the School.'

On behalf and by direction of the School Committee.

STEPHEN A. CHASE, Clerk.

Providence, Second mo. 29th, 1848."

Adjourned to 10 o'clock to-morrow morning.

Third day morning, the 13th, the meeting assembled pursuant to adjournment.

The Representatives being called were present, except five, for the absence of four of whom satisfactory reasons were rendered.

The Meeting entered upon the consideration of the state of Society, and read the first and second queries with the answers thereto. During this time we gratefully acknowledge, that a precious solemn covering was mercifully spread over us, and free utterance was given to a living concern of beloved brethren for the removal of deficiencies too apparent amongst us.

The all important duty of attending our religious Meetings for the purpose of worshipping our Father in Heaven, and for the transaction of the business of the Church, was feelingly dwelt upon, and we were tenderly exhorted to remember that it is from God alone that all our blessings come. The privilege of waiting upon Him and of being immediately taught by Him, was impressively brought before us—that we may even know, and the faithful and humble *do* know, what it is to be immediately fed from His gracious hand. We were affectionately exhorted not to suffer any consideration of a sublunary nature, any interest that relates to this world, to interfere with the discharge of our duty to Almighty God, unto whom we must render account for all the blessings wherewith He has been pleased to favor us. A living concern was manifested that we might be preserved in our religious meetings, in a true

devotional state of mind, that we might manifest to others that we are truly engaged at these seasons to offer unto our Father in Heaven the tribute of worship and praise. Our young men were very feelingly entreated to faithfulness herein, and encouraged to discharge their respective duties to their several associates, not suffering a sense of their own weaknesses to prevent them from extending a helping hand to a brother, whereby their own strength will be promoted. They were impressively reminded, that there is a fountain set open wherein they may know their sins to be washed away and their garments made clean, and that to this fountain we are all invited to come and experience the blessed efficacy of a Saviour's blood. If we were truly engaged to love the Lord with all our soul, with all our might and all our strength, we should not fail to love our neighbor as ourselves—and love and unity so essential to the Church would be universally experienced—and the tares that have been sown by an enemy while we slept, would no more be found amongst us. Detraction would no longer be indulged by any, but we should rather be engaged in endeavoring to do each other good, and be concerned to build one another up in the most holy faith. We were pathetically entreated to let our lights so shine before men, that others, seeing our good works, may glorify our Father who is in Heaven, and we were encouraged to believe, that, as this is our sincere engagement, that our Society will again shine forth, fair as the moon, clear as the sun, and terrible as an army with banners.

Adjourned to 4 o'clock this afternoon.

Afternoon Friends again assembled.

In the Report from Salem Quarterly Meeting is the following information, viz :

“ A communion was at this time received from Eli Beede, informing that he appeals from the judgment of this Meeting against him, to our next Yearly Meeting. Whereupon we appoint Stephen A. Chase, Nathan Breed of Lynn, Micajah C. Pratt and Thomas W. Thorndike, to represent this Meeting

in the case, at our Yearly Meeting ; and the Clerk is directed to furnish said Committee with such extracts from our records in relation thereto, as may appear necessary."

But the appellant does not appear to prosecute his appeal, and the case is therefore deferred.

The Meeting now resumed the consideration of the state of society, by reading the remaining queries and answers. It proved a solemn season, and much concern was evidenced for the support, on their true ground, of our several Christian testimonies. Parents were affectionately entreated to exercise a parental authority over their children in these respects, in love ; that they speak gently to them, and in tenderness lead them in the way in which they should go. We were very feelingly reminded, that while the child might be disposed to resist coercive measures, the heart would be subdued and melted by the parental tear. Our young friends were affectionately entreated not to regard what are termed, our peculiar testimonies, of minor importance, but that they should faithfully support them on Christian ground, as Christian duty. The practice of frequently assembling our families for the purpose of silent waiting upon the Lord, and for the reading of the Holy Scriptures, was impressively recommended to us, under a firm persuasion that as this duty is attended to from a right concern, the blessing of Heaven will rest upon it.

The following is a summary of the answers from our several Quarterly Meetings, viz :

1. All our meetings for religious worship and discipline, have been attended, with the exception of a few small meetings ; the chief cause of which omission is reported to have been inclemency of the weather. Meetings on first days appear to be generally well attended ; while some remissness is noticed in those held in the middle of the week and for discipline. The hour is nearly observed. Some instances of sleeping are reported in all the answers. Of other unbecoming behavior, generally clear. Some care has been extended in these deficiencies.

2. Love and unity appear to be maintained by most friends,

and detraction generally guarded against. Care is taken to end differences.

3. Most friends are careful to bring up those under their direction in plainness, to restrain them from pernicious reading and from corrupting conversation, and to be in a good degree exemplary herein themselves: yet some remissness is noticed in several of the answers. The Holy Scriptures appear to be frequently read in most friends' families.

4. Friends are generally careful to confine the use of spirituous liquors to medicinal purposes. Deficiencies are however noticed in the answers from all the Quarterly Meetings except two. Some care appears to have been taken. The unnecessary frequenting of taverns and places of public resort avoided, with a few exceptions. Careful in the other parts of the query.

5. Careful in these respects, with the exception of three cases of being placed out from among friends.

6. Friends are generally careful that proceedings in respect to marriage be conformable to discipline. Exceptions are however noticed in five of the answers, in most of which care has been extended.

7. Our testimony appears to have been maintained as it respects the several parts of this query, except a few instances of a military nature, reported in two of the answers, in which some care has been taken; and that a fear is expressed in one answer, that a faithful testimony was not in all cases maintained against a hireling ministry.

8. Friends are mostly careful in the several parts of this query, except that a few instances of a want of timely inspection of affairs, and of punctuality in the settlement of accounts, and the payment of debts, are noticed in three of the answers.

9. Generally careful as to our records, yet some deficiency is reported in most of the answers. A few removals without certificates, some of which are under notice.

10. Care is taken to deal with offenders in a good degree as queried, yet exceptions as to timely dealing are noticed in four answers. Judgment appears to have been placed, when necessary, according to discipline.

Perez Peck, Micajah C. Pratt, George Howland, Jr., Henry M. Minot, James N. Fry, Ebenezer Fry, Samuel Dennis and Alden Sampson, are appointed to examine and settle the Treasurer's account, consider of a sum suitable to be raised for the use of this Meeting the ensuing year, and propose a Treasurer to a future sitting of this Meeting.

A testimony of Weare Monthly Meeting, approved by Salem Quarterly Meeting, concerning our late beloved friend Lydia Breed, was read at this time, and being satisfactory to this Meeting it is directed to be recorded.

Adjourned to 10 o'clock to-morrow morning.

Fourth day morning the 14th. The Meeting convened pursuant to adjournment. The representatives present except four.

The following minute of New York Yearly Meeting, referred to in their epistle to this Meeting, was now laid before us, and under a solemn covering which we felt to be mercifully extended over us, there was with entire unanimity a very full and deliberate expression of unity with it, with an evidence, as we trust, that the proposition originated in the truth; and a fervent desire was felt that He who is the healer of breaches, as He is looked unto for direction, may be pleased to bless the measure to the good of the Church: and our friends John D. Lang, John Warren, John Osborne, Stephen Jones, Jr. Joseph Metcalf, Thomas Anthony, Samuel Boyd Tobey, John Meader, Thomas Jones, Rowland Greene, George Howland, Estes Newhall, Edmond Chace, Miltiah Gifford, Isaac Lawrence, Samuel Taylor Jr., Benjamin Fry, Daniel Taber, Lemuel Jones, Edmund Cates, John W. Minot, Benjamin H. Jones, David Buffum, Clement Rackliff, Stephen A. Chase, John Macomber, Moses Farnum, Samuel Boyce, Moses H. Beede, David Douglass and James N. Fry, are appointed to propose to a future sitting of this meeting the names of suitable friends to constitute a Committee of Conference.

“At the Yearly Meeting of friends, held in New York, by adjournment from the 29th of fifth month, to the 3d of sixth month, inclusive, 1848.

A proposition was very feelingly made in this Meeting, attended with deep solicitude for the welfare of our beloved society, whether essential benefit might not be hoped for from a united effort on the part of the different Yearly Meetings of Friends in America, in relation to our present tried state. The office of peace-maker was seen to be an interesting one, and the promise appended to it still is, 'Blessed are the peace-makers, for they shall be called the children of God.' After solemn deliberation on the nature and great importance of the object in view, the restoration of the society to that unity and fellowship which formerly characterized it, the Meeting decided, with entire unanimity, on making an appointment for this purpose; and in the hope that our dear friends of the other Yearly Meetings, who are equally interested with us, will respond to the proposition, we hereby suggest, with great deference to their judgment, that if the way opens for it they will make similar appointments, in order that such committees may assemble in one body, as the Representatives of the Society, to feel after the mind of Truth in relation to this concern. We trust that friends coming together under such feelings as the object contemplated can scarcely fail to inspire, and with a deep feeling that our dependence for instruction and help must be on the Lord, would be humbly prostrate before him. It is a Christian privilege for brethren to meet together, feel and sympathise with each other in their varied trials, and ask counsel of him who is Head over all things to the church.

The object proposed, though of great magnitude, is nevertheless simple in its character, unconnected with any preconclusions, and without any thing binding on the Yearly Meetings. We have appointed a committee to represent this Yearly Meeting; and we would propose that the friends who may be appointed, meet at Baltimore, on the 2d Second-day in 7th month, 1849, unless some other place more suitable shall be designated. It was concluded that the information of this concern and movement be alluded to in the Epistles; and the Clerk was requested to forward copies of this minute to the different Yearly Meetings of friends in America, and also to those of our beloved friends in London and Dublin, in the

hope that they will unite with us in this concern,—it being the common cause of the society. **RICHARD MOTT,**

Clerk this year.

The following minute was contained in the report from Falmouth Quarterly Meeting, viz :

“The circumstance of our Yearly Meeting being held so far from the centre of Friends having claimed our serious and deliberate consideration from time to time, we are united in proposing to our next Yearly Meeting for its consideration, the propriety of changing the place of convening that body to a more central point ;”—

and similar minutes also came up in the reports from Vassalboro' and Fairfield ; whereupon we appoint our friends Thomas Anthony, Perez Peck, David Buffum, Moses H. Beede, Micaiah C. Pratt, Newell Ordway, William H. Chase, Stephen A. Chase, George Howland, Isaac R. Gifford, John Howland, William Tucker, Lemuel Jones of Brunswick, Joshua Douglass, Henry M. Minot, Caleb Jones, Thomas Grover, Rowland Rathbun, Richard Battey, John Osborne, John D. Lang, Joseph Taber, Elisha Jones, Joseph H. Cole, Walter Sawyer, Tobias Meader, Benajah Buffum, Benjamin Fry, David Douglas, Samuel Taylor Jr., Alden Sampson and William Farr, to take the subject into their deliberate consideration, and report their judgment thereon to this Meeting next year.

[Womens's Committee.—Ann Hopkins, Hannah C. Robinson, Joanna Peck, Elizabeth Meader, Elizabeth Gove, Sophronia Page, Miriam Newhall, Mary Chase, Ruth H. Baker, Lydia Congdon, Ruth Davis, Mary K. Wing, Mary B. Farnum, Ruth Earle, Abigail Inman, Elizabeth A. Osborne, Lydia Allen, Lois Jones, Mary P. Varney, Hannah W. Jones, Lydia R. Taber, Deborah B. Warren, Ann Jones, Rebecca Taber, Hannah Morrell, Hannah G. Sawyer, Abigail Beede, Mahalath Jones, Lucy J. Hawks, Hannah Pope, Sarah P. Sampson, Lydia Taylor.]

The following proposition was contained in the report from Dover Quarterly Meeting, viz :

“This Meeting is united in proposing to our next Yearly

Meeting to change the time of holding our Quarterly Meeting in the eighth month, at North Berwick, from the fifth day of the week to the sixth day of the same week; and that the time of holding the select Quarterly meeting in the eighth month be changed from fourth day of the week to fifth day, at 4 o'clock, P. M.—the women's meeting uniting herein :”—which was united with, and it is concluded that Dover Quarterly Meeting in the eighth month, be held at North Berwick, on sixth, instead of fifth day of the week in which it is now held, at the usual hour, and that the select Quarterly Meeting be held on fifth instead of fourth day of the same week, at 4 o'clock in the afternoon—the Women's Yearly Meeting concurring herein; and the clerk is directed to furnish said Meeting with a copy of this minute.

Adjourned to 4 o'clock this afternoon.

Afternoon,—Friends again assembled.

The records of the Meeting for sufferings for the past year, were read at this time, and the proceedings of that Meeting were satisfactory and approved by this Meeting, and the friends now under appointment, with the exception of our late friend Abraham Shearman Jr., deceased, and of our friend Lindley M. Hoag, removed within the limits of New York Yearly Meeting, are continued under appointment, to constitute a Meeting for sufferings for the ensuing year. The Committee appointed this morning to propose the names of friends for a Committee of Conference, are requested also to propose the names of two friends to supply the places of our late friends Abraham Shearman Jr. and Lindley M. Hoag, and present them to a future sitting of this Meeting.

William C. Taber, the executor of the will of our late beloved friend Abraham Shearman Jr., presented to this Meeting the following extracts from said will, viz :

“ Article 13th. To the New Bedford Monthly Meeting of Friends, with which I have been and am now connected, I give, devise and bequeath twenty shares of the capital stock of the Bedford Commercial Bank, the dividends and income of which only are to be used by said Monthly Meeting, and to

be always appropriated by said Meeting toward defraying the expense of the maintenance of the poor of said Meeting, and other ordinary expenses thereof.

To the said Monthly Meeting of Friends I also give, devise and bequeath, for the purposes hereinafter mentioned, twelve shares of the capital stock of the Merchants Bank in New Bedford, the dividends and income of which shall be appropriated, under the direction of said Monthly Meeting, toward defraying the expense of education in useful learning, of children of members of said Meeting, who are in moderate or straitened circumstances; and it is my desire that preference should be given to the children of such parents as are concerned that they should receive a guarded education; and further, that preference should be given to schooling at the Yearly Meeting's Boarding School at Providence; but not so as wholly to confine it there, should it *occasionally* be thought best to contribute to the expense of schooling at home.

And should there at any time be a deficiency of those in said New Bedford Monthly Meeting who are willing to avail themselves of the aid thus intended, the said Meeting, by its committee, may expend the whole or any part of the dividends and income of the said twelve shares that may remain unappropriated, in extending similar aid to children of members of the neighboring Monthly Meetings of Dartmouth and Westport, at their discretion; it being my desire that the income may as nearly as practicable be annually expended. Should it hereafter be considered advisable by said Monthly Meeting, to dispose of either or both of said parcels of bank stock, and to invest the proceeds in some other way that may appear more eligible, I hereby give and grant to said Meeting full power and authority to sell and transfer the same, and from time to time to transfer the investment as to said meeting may seem expedient, the subject of said change to be always first deliberately considered by a committee specially appointed for that purpose; the new investments of the proceeds of said parcels of stock to be kept distinct and separate from each other and from all other investments, and the income only to be

used for the purposes aforesaid, and the principal sums always to be kept good, unavoidable losses only excepted.

I desire it, however, to be distinctly understood, that the two before-named legacies to the New Bedford Monthly Meeting *are in trust*, and are made strictly subject to the following *condition* and *proviso*, and I hereby declare it to be my will, that should there ever, from want of sufficient members reputably to constitute such Meeting, or from any other cause, cease to be a Monthly Meeting of Friends held within the limits of New Bedford Monthly Meeting, as now constituted, in unity with the Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England, with which I am associated, and of which I have acted as clerk for upward of twenty years ; in such event, which I ardently desire may never occur, the said bequest to New Bedford Monthly Meeting shall cease and terminate as to said Meeting and the members thereof ; and not permitting myself to doubt but that, through the mercy of Him who has hitherto been our protector, notwithstanding our many backslidings, there *will* continue and remain to be a remnant of Friends preserved in the New England States, who *will* continue to hold a Yearly Meeting as at present, for the orderly conducting of the concerns of Society, the maintenance of its principles as recognized and set forth in ‘the Testimony of Friends on the Continent of America,’ approved by said Yearly Meeting in the year one thousand eight hundred and thirty, and for the edification of each other in love ; and who will continue in unity with their brethren of the other ancient Yearly Meetings of Friends, professing the same principles ;—it is further my will, and I hereby direct, that the persons having the aforesaid legacies under their care at the time when there shall so cease to be a Monthly Meeting of Friends held as aforesaid, in unity with *such* Yearly Meeting, shall pay over or transfer to the treasurer for the time being, of such Yearly Meeting, the aforesaid parcels of stock, or the proceeds thereof, or the securities therefor, in full, unavoidable losses only excepted ; and the said treasurer and his successors in office shall hold the same for the use of, and subject to the direction and management of said Yearly Meeting ; with the understanding that it is my

will that the income of one half of the amount thus paid over or transferred, shall be used toward defraying the ordinary and current expenses of said Yearly Meeting, and the income of the other half for the benefit of the Yearly Meeting Boarding School, at Providence ; the principal sums always to be kept good, unavoidable accidents only excepted.

To the said New Bedford Monthly Meeting of Friends I also give and bequeath one copy of all books—the writings of Friends—which I may die possessed of, that have not already a place in the New Bedford Preparative Meeting Library, (including a set of the “Friend,”) to be added to said Library.

Article 14th. To the Treasurer of said Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England, for the time being, and his successors in office, in *special trust* for the use of said meeting, I give, devise, and bequeath the sum of one thousand dollars, to be invested in such manner as said Yearly Meeting may, from time to time, direct ; the annual income of which sum may be appropriated towards defraying the ordinary expenses of said meeting ; the principal sum always to be kept good, unavoidable losses excepted.

To the Treasurer for the time being of said Yearly Meeting, and his successors in office, I also give, devise, and bequeath in *special trust* for the use and benefit of the said Yearly Meetings’ Boarding School at Providence, the further sum of fifteen hundred dollars, to be placed under the direction and control of the Committee appointed by the said Yearly Meeting for the government and superintendence of said School. And it is my desire and will that five hundred dollars of said amount should be expended under the direction of said Committee in the purchase of Books on scientific subjects, works on Natural Philosophy, Natural History, &c. to be placed in the Library for the use of the Schools, and of maps, atlases, &c. for the use of the School rooms ; and that the remaining ten hundred dollars should be added to the permanent fund or used in any other way for the benefit of said School as said Committee may think best.

Article 16th. I hereby direct my Executor hereinafter named, to lay before the New Bedford Monthly Meeting of

Friends abovenamed, the several clauses of this my last will and testament, relating to said meeting, within one month after the same shall have been approved by the Court of Probate; and to communicate the two items of the fourteenth clause thereof to the said Yearly Meeting at its first sitting after such approval.

As there are among my papers sundry extracts from the records of the said Yearly Meeting, some from the records of the Meeting for Sufferings, and others from various books of record of the Society of Friends, my Executor is requested to deliver all such extracts to the keeper of the records of said Yearly Meeting."

The said legacies are gratefully accepted by this Meeting—evidencing the interest of our late friend in the welfare of our religious Society, and his concern for the promotion of the guarded education of our youth.

The Treasurer is requested to receive the bequest of one thousand dollars, for the benefit of this Meeting and give the necessary discharge to the Executor, and Joseph Metcalf, George Howland, John Osborne, and Thomas Harkness, are appointed to advise with the Treasurer, as to the investment of said sum, so as to carry into effect the intentions of the donor, and they are requested to receive from the Treasurer a receipt for the same and present it to our next Yearly Meeting. The Treasurer is also requested to receive from said executor the sum of fifteen hundred dollars, for the benefit of our Boarding School at Providence, giving the necessary discharge therefor, and hold the same subject to the direction of the School Committee as provided for in the will of the donor.

George Howland, Samuel Boyd Tobey and John Howland are appointed to propose to this Meeting the name of a friend for a correspondent in place of our late friend Abraham Shearman, Jr.

A testimony of Windham Monthly Meeting, approved by Falmouth Quarterly Meeting, concerning our late beloved friend Noah Read, was read, and being satisfactory to this Meeting, it is directed to be recorded.

The Meeting for Sufferings in its discretion is requested to

examine and cause to be printed such memorials of deceased friends as have been approved by this Meeting since the last publication of these testimonies, a concern having been feelingly manifested in this Meeting, for the circulation of those received the present year. The Meeting for Sufferings is also requested to cause to be printed a sufficient number of our Book of Discipline for the supply of our meetings, and also for such of our members as may desire to be possessed of the book, to be furnished to them at cost; and it is desired to prefix thereto, if way should open for it, a brief historical account of the introduction and establishment of the Discipline among Friends.

Adjourned to 4 o'clock to-morrow afternoon.

Fifth day afternoon, the 15th. The Meeting again convened pursuant to adjournment. Representatives present as yesterday. The Committee appointed on second day to take into their consideration subjects connected with the general interests of the Boarding School, made the following Report, viz :

“TO THE YEARLY MEETING :

The Committee appointed to take into consideration subjects connected with the welfare of the Boarding School at Providence, have been together. They were favored with a very comfortable degree of harmony in the consideration of several interesting matters, touching the best interests of the School.

A general feeling of satisfaction with the present state of the Institution was expressed, although deficiencies still exist, which are desirable to be removed, particularly in relation to our testimonies respecting plainness and moderation.

The Committee for the superintendence of the School, were encouraged to continue their labors in its interesting concerns, and for the promotion of a guarded religious education of the youth who may be placed there—with the hope and prospect of increased usefulness. On behalf of the Committee,

BENJAMIN FRY,

Newport, Sixth mo. 14th, 1848.”

ANN HOPKINS.

—which is satisfactory to this Meeting, and the Committee also proposed the names of John Meader, Samuel Boyd Tobey, and Alden Sampson, to supply the vacancy in the Committee occasioned by the release of our friends Samuel Taylor, Jr. John Osborne and Joseph Metcalf, and those friends are appointed to unite with those already under appointment by this Meeting, viz: Samuel Boyce, John D. Lang, William A. Robinson, Stephen A. Chase, David Buffum, Rowland Greene, Thomas Anthony, George Howland, Jr. and Gideon C. Smith, and with such Friends as may be appointed by the Women's Meeting, a Committee to superintend our Boarding School, with the usual powers confided by this Meeting to their Committee, and report next year.

[Women's Committee.—Joanna Peck, Eunice Metcalf, Ann Elmira Lang, Eliza A. Osborne, Mary Shove, Mary B. Farnum, Elizabeth Wing, Phebe R. Gifford, Ann B. Earle, Elizabeth Meader, Ann Hopkins and Sarah F. Tobey.]

The Committee to whom that subject was referred, propose the names of William C. Taber and Tobias Meader, to supply the place in the Meeting for Sufferings of our late friend Abraham Shearman Jr., and of Lindley M. Hoag, which being satisfactory, they are appointed in addition to those already under appointment, viz: Rowland Greene, John Warren, Estis Newhall, Mathew Purinton, James N. Fry, Nicholas Congdon, Thomas Anthony, Edward Wing, Benjamin Fry, John Osborne, Jonathan Dennis, David Buffum, Abijah Chase, Perez Peck, William Reynolds, Moses Farnum, Joseph Metcalf, John Meader, George Howland, Nathan Pope, Samuel Boyd Tobey, John D. Lang, Moses H. Beede, Samuel Taylor, Jr., Edmund Chase, Allen Wing, Samuel Boyce, John Howland, Joseph Taber of Albion, Timothy C. Collins, Beriah Collins, Olney Thompson, Abraham Barker of Tiverton, Lemuel Jones of Brunswick, Thomas Harkness, Stephen Jones, Jr., David K. Aiken, Stephen A. Chase, Wm. H. Chase, David Douglas, Wm. Farr and Isaac Lawrence, to constitute a Meeting for Sufferings for the ensuing year, and said Friends are requested to act on behalf of this Meeting, in relation to any subject affecting the interests of

our religious Society, according to the original organization of that Meeting.

The Committee to whom it was referred, propose the names of Rowland Greene, John Warren, John Osborne, John D. Lang, Stephen A. Chase, Samuel Boyd Tobey and David Bufum, as a Committee on the part of this Meeting to confer with the Committees of other Yearly Meetings for the objects referred to in the Minute laid before us from New York Yearly Meeting, which are satisfactory to us, and they are accordingly appointed to that service.

The Committee of this Meeting on Education made the following Report, viz :

“ TO THE YEARLY MEETING :

The Committee appointed at our last Yearly Meeting, upon the subject of Education, Report,

That during the past year they have endeavored to give some attention to the duties of their appointment, and since their organization in the Sixth month last, they have held meetings as specified in the Minute of their appointment, viz : at the Boarding School, Providence, in the Tenth month, and have had three sittings the present week at this place.

In the Tenth month, a number of this Committee were present at the examination of the Boarding School, which was very interesting and satisfactory to us. Several of the School Committee very acceptably attended our sittings at that time. Many weighty and salutary remarks were made by concerned Friends present, tending, we trust, very much to the encouragement of those present, both members of the School Committee and those of our number. A very near sympathy was manifested at that time with parents and heads of families, and desires raised that they might feel an increased engagement and responsibility resting upon them, and be drawn to look unto *Him*, who alone is able rightly to qualify them to bestow a religious and guarded education on their offspring. Scattered as we are in many locations, rendering it difficult to keep up schools exclusively of the children of Friends, a feeling was expressed that we should avail ourselves of the privilege of

sending our children of suitable age to our Yearly Meeting Boarding School, believing this Institution offers opportunities of acquiring an education more religiously guarded than can be obtained at mixed schools, and that Friends be encouraged to make such pecuniary sacrifices as may be warrantable to accomplish this object.

We have at the present time received reports from members of our Committee, within the limits of several of our Quarterly Meetings, which contain interesting and satisfactory accounts, and we trust that we are at this time renewedly impressed with the importance of the right education of our children, not only as it relates to the dear youth, but also to the future welfare and prosperity of our beloved Society.

We submit the following statistical information received in the returns which have come to hand, from all our Monthly Meetings within the Yearly Meeting, except two, viz :

No. of children between the ages of 4 and 16,	1,369
“ “ “ “ 16 and 21,	631
“ Monthly Meeting Schools,	1
“ Preparative Meeting “	3
“ Family “	11
“ of Children attending Friends' School,	203
“ “ “ Mixed Schools,	1,579

It will be seen that a very large portion of our children are in the attendance of mixed schools, but painful as this view of the subject may be, we are, notwithstanding, encouraged in believing that an increased interest is manifesting itself through the Yearly Meeting, for the promotion of select schools, as appears by the accounts which we have received at this time, as well as many pertinent remarks that have been made by Friends, very much to the encouragement of the Committee. We desire further to encourage the establishing of Family Schools—even to unite two or more families together, when circumstances will admit—and may Friends turn their attention towards that class of our youth who finish their education at the academies in our villages, where, we fear, that they often imbibe habits and views which prove much to their injury in after life.

The Minutes of the School Committee for the government of the Boarding School, the past year, were read by the Clerk of that Committee at one of our recent sittings. It was with much satisfaction, that we observed the unremitted care and oversight which they had extended since their appointment, for the promotion of the best interest of that Institution.

We are well aware, but little has been done by us towards the promotion of the object of our appointment—but believe that the concern of the Yearly Meeting will be best promoted under the care of a similar committee.

Signed by direction of the Committee.

CHARLES R. TUCKER, *Clerk.*

Newport, Sixth mo. 14th, 1848.”

—which is interesting and satisfactory to us, and the Friends now under appointment, with the substitution of William Farr, in the place of Alden Sampson, (now appointed a member of the School Committee,) and with the addition of Jonathan Freeborn and Abel F. Collins, for Greenwich and South Kingstown Monthly Meetings, are continued to constitute a Committee for the purposes specified in their original appointment, and encouraged to persevere in their valuable labors, and report to our Meeting next year.

[Committee on Education.—Moses H. Beede, Jethro F. Mitchell, Timothy C. Collins, Benjamin Greene, Jervis Shove, Thomas Gifford, Gilbert Congdon, James Dennis, Jonathan Freeborn, Abel F. Collins, William H. Chase, Nathan Breed of Lynn, Moses Huntington Jr., Newell Ordway, Herrod Chase, Joshua Page, William P. Howland, Charles R. Tucker, Newell Hoxie, Ebenezer Wing, William Mitchell, Abraham R. Wing, George Almy, George W. Frances, John Macomber, Adrian Davis, Calvin Shepherd, Moses F. Rogers, Abraham Winslow, Joshua Cobb, Nathan Pope, Lemuel Jones of Windham, Caleb Jones, Henry M. Minot, Nathan Douglas, Lemuel Jones of Brunswick, Arnold Aldrich, 2d., Thomas Grover, Edward Earle, Paul Wing, John E. Fry, David Badcock, Moses Taber, Thomas B. Nichols, Eli Jones, Lot Jones, Joseph Taber, Asa Jones, Benjamin Fry, Stephen Beede, Walter Sawyer, Benja-

min H. Jones, Benajah Buffum, Peter M. Neal, Joseph Taylor, George Richardson, William Farr, Jacob Pope, Daniel R. Bailey, David Douglas.]

The Clerk is directed to sign on our behalf the following Minute for our Friend, Phebe Field, and similar Minutes for our Friends, Abigail R. Hoag, Rachel Kimber, and Persis Hazard, now in attendance of this Meeting, viz : Our beloved Friend, Phebe Field, attended this Meeting—her company and religious services have been truly acceptable to us.

The Committee appointed to settle the Treasurer's account and for other purposes, made the following Report, viz :

“The Committee appointed to settle the Treasurer's Account,
and for other purposes—Report,

That they have attended to the duties of their appointment, and have settled the Treasurer's Account, and find a balance in his hands of \$731 13. They would recommend to the Meeting to raise the sum of two thousand dollars for the purposes of the Meeting the ensuing year, and would propose the name of David Buffum for Treasurer.

On behalf of the Committee,

PEREZ PECK.”

—which is satisfactory, and our Friend, David Buffum, is accordingly appointed Treasurer of this Meeting for the ensuing year, and our several Quarterly Meetings are requested to raise their respective proportions of two thousand dollars, and pay the same to our Treasurer.

The Committee of this Meeting to attend to our concern in relation to the Penobscot and Passamaquoddy Tribes of Indians, made the following Report, viz :

“TO THE YEARLY MEETING :

The Committee having charge of the concern of this meeting for the improvement of the Penobscot and Passamaquoddy Indians, report,

That we have given some attention to the objects of our appointment and in accordance with a desire expressed last

year, a visit has been performed by two of our number to them. Many of the Penobscots were absent at the time, yet most of their farming operations were examined and in many instances a commendable improvement was manifest in the appearance of their farms, farming operations and manner of living. Several of them keep oxen and plows, and are employed by the Agent, in plowing for the tribe. They have also erected some new houses since our former visit in which more regard to cleanliness was observed. But while we viewed these improvements with satisfaction and could hold out the language of encouragement for their industry and good management, we had to regret that in some instances there was a manifest decline in the manner and amount of their husbandry and of their domestic comforts. This with the great failure in the potatoe crop has caused a great decline in their bounty, from some previous years.

The township of the Passamaquoddy Indians was also visited for the first time, by friends of the committee. It is about 8 by 9 miles in extent, lying on the Schoodiac waters. Much of its soil appeared good for cultivation. There were forty-one families residing on it at the time of the visit, most of whom were visited. They have four framed dwelling houses in all, on the township, the rest inhabit wigwams, with little regard to cleanliness. Three and a half miles up the lakes is a compact settlement of seventeen families, in which are thirty-two children between the ages of four and twenty-one years, most of whom can speak and understand the English language. At this place they have a new and neat meeting house, of the Roman Catholic order. The soil here is good but cultivated in so rude and unprofitable a manner as to produce but little for the comfort or support of their families. The use of the plow has not been known on this portion of their township.—In short their general appearance is considerably behind the Penobscots in their modes of husbandry, and in the comforts of civilized life. Some of them keep oxen and cows and lumber in the winter, and hunt and fish in summer. From the latter they chiefly obtain their subsistence.

We are impressed with a belief that if a suitably qualified

person could be induced to spend a few weeks among them, in seed time, to assist and counsel them in a free and familiar manner on all matters relating to the improvement of their condition, it would prove, under the Divine blessing, an important service to them and promote the object of the Yearly Meeting.

On behalf of the Committee,

STEPHEN JONES, Jr.

Newport, Sixth mo. 13th, 1848."

—which is satisfactory to us, and we believe it right to continue our Friends now under appointment, viz : John D. Lang, Asa Jones, Stephen Jones Jr., Joseph Taber, Caleb Jones, Moses Taber, John Warren, John Meader, Nathan Douglass, Allen Wing, Alton Pope, Caleb Nichols, Daniel Taber, Samuel Taylor Jr., and Eli Jones,—to render the interesting objects of our concern, such advice and attention as they may be enabled to do, and our Treasurer is requested to pay to John D. Lang the sum of one hundred dollars, to be appropriated to promote the purposes of this Meeting, in their appointment.

We are informed that our beloved Friend, Anna A. Jenkins, has been liberated to pay a visit in gospel love to some of the Meetings of Friends in Great Britain, and to attend to such other religious engagements in that land as may be required of her. Samuel Boyd Tobey, John Meader, Rowland Greene, David Buffum and Thomas Anthony, are appointed a Committee with whom she may consult and advise on any subject connected with her proposed religious visit.

We are also informed, that our beloved Friend, Susan Howland, has been liberated to attend the Yearly Meetings of London and Ireland, and to visit, in the love of the Gospel, the Meetings constituting them, and also to visit, as way may open for it, some of the Meetings of those professing with Friends on the Continent of Europe, and to attend to such other religious service as may be required of her. Joseph Davis, John Howland, William C. Taber, Isaac R. Gifford, Isaac Lawrence and Lemuel Gifford, are appointed a

Committee with whom she may advise and consult upon any subject connected with her contemplated visit.

The Committee on Correspondence are requested to prepare and present to our next sitting, minutes for our friends now in attendance of this Meeting, from different Yearly Meetings on this continent.

Adjourned to 9 o'clock to-morrow morning.

Sixth day morning, 6th mo., 16th. The Meeting again convened at the hour to which it had adjourned.

The Representatives present as yesterday.

The Committee to whom that subject was committed propose the name of our friend George Howland, in place of our late friend Abraham Shearman Jr., as a correspondent of this Meeting,—which is approved, and he is accordingly appointed.

[Correspondents for London and Ireland Yearly Meetings—David Buffum, Samuel Boyd Tobey, John Meader and George Howland. For Yearly Meetings in America—Jonathan Congdon, David Buffum, John Meader, George Howland.]

The Clerk is directed to sign, on our behalf, the following minute for our friend Richard Mott, and similar ones for our friends Thomas Wells, John Scott, Lindley M. Hoag, Charles Taber and Seneca Hazard, viz: Our beloved friend Richard Mott attended this Meeting. His company and religious services have been truly acceptable to us.

The Clerk is also directed to sign, on our behalf, the following minute, for our friends Nehemiah and Sarah S. Merritt; and a similar one for our friend Joshua Kimber, viz: Our beloved friends Nehemiah and Sarah S. Merritt, attended this meeting. Their company and solid deportment have been acceptable and satisfactory to us.

The Committee to visit subordinate Meetings made the following report, viz:

“TO THE YEARLY MEETING:

The Committee to visit subordinate Meetings report: That we have attended to our appointment, and as way opened for

it, have visited such Meetings as were under peculiar circumstances growing out of the separation ; and have sympathised with our dear friends in their various trials ; and we have endeavored to labor in the ability received, for the preservation of good order. These trials still exist in several meetings. At one of our Quarterly Meetings, friends were obliged to adjourn their Meeting for Discipline, on account of the Separatists remaining in the Meeting. Friends, after kindly requesting them to retire, and finding no prospect of their doing so, adjourned to another hour, and were then enabled to transact their business undisturbed.

On behalf of the Committee,

STEPHEN JONES, JR.

ELIZABETH WING.

Newport, Sixth mo. 16th, 1848—”

—which is satisfactory to us ; and under feelings of sympathy for our dear friends, who, in some of their Meetings, are still subjected to trials, in consequence of the secession, within their limits, our friends appointed last year, viz : John Warren, John D. Lang, John Osborne, Isaac Lawrence, David Bufum, Samuel Boyd Tobey, George Howland, Samuel Taylor Jr., John Howland, Stephen Jones Jr., John Meader, Estis Newhall and Thomas Anthony, are continued a Committee to visit, as way may open for it, these Meetings, and render any advice and assistance that they may be favored to do, under the guidance of best wisdom.

The Committee on the concern of this Meeting for the Indians located west of the Mississippi, made the following report, viz :

“ *To the Yearly Meeting now sitting,—*

The Committee having charge of the concern of this Meeting for the Indians located west of the Mississippi, report that they have not been unmindful of the concern committed to their care, but no way has opened for service the past year for the improvement of their condition. The Committee however entertain a belief that the past efforts and labors of Friends

in this deeply interesting concern will not be lost, but has had a tendency to awaken the feelings of the constituted authorities of our country against the malpractices of the agents and traders located in that land. Laws have been enacted by Congress, which tend in some measure to remove embarrassments in some respects; and yet more needs to be done to help and encourage this much injured and suffering people. We are encouraged in learning that those who have long been under the immediate care of our Friends of Baltimore, Ohio, and Indiana Yearly Meetings are gradually improving, and we still hope the time is not far distant when way may open for us, through Divine aid, to extend further assistance for the benefit of this suffering portion of the human family.

On behalf of the Committee,

JOHN D. LANG,
JOHN OSBORNE.

Newport, Sixth mo. 11th, 1848."

—which is satisfactory; and though little has been done during the past year, we are still engaged to continue a Committee on this interesting concern, and our Friends appointed last year, with the substitution of George Howland, Jr. for our Friend Lindley M. Hoag, are continued and encouraged to give such attention to their appointment as they may be enabled to do, in conjunction with a similar Committee of our Friends of New York Yearly Meeting, and report to this Meeting next year.

[*Committee*—John D. Lang, Samuel Taylor Jr., John Meader, John Osborne, Samuel Boyce, Samuel Boyd Tobey, George Howland, John Howland, Benjamin Fry, David Buffum, Stephen A. Chase and George Howland, Jr.]

Essays of Epistles to our Brethren of the Yearly Meetings of London, Ireland, Philadelphia, New York, Baltimore, North Carolina, Ohio and Indiana were laid before this Meeting by the Committee on correspondence, and being approved, the Clerk was directed to sign them on our behalf and forward them to those Meetings respectively.

The Clerks, with the assistance of our Friends Stephen A.

Chase, Samuel Boyce and John Meader are requested to cause the Minutes of this Meeting for the present year, or suitable extracts therefrom, to be printed and forwarded to subordinate Meetings.

The Clerk is authorized to make any necessary extracts from our Minutes not already provided for, and sign them on our behalf.

The present Yearly Meeting having been a solemn and interesting season, in which we humbly acknowledge, unworthy as we are, we have, as we believe, mercifully witnessed the presence of the blessed Head of the Church, with feelings of gratitude, and in love, we now separate, proposing to meet again at this place, at the usual time next year, if the Lord permit.

Signed on behalf of the Meeting,

SAMUEL BOYD TOBEY,

Clerk this Year.

MINUTES

OF

NEW ENGLAND YEARLY MEETING

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At our Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England, held on Rhode-Island, commencing with public meetings for worship at Newport and Portsmouth on first day the 10th; and at Newport for discipline on second day morning the 11th of sixth month, 1849—

By Reports received from our Quarterly Meetings, it appears that the following Friends have been appointed representatives to this meeting, viz:

From RHODE-ISLAND—Rowland Greene, John Meader, Thomas Anthony, Edmund Chase, Moses H. Beede, Timothy C. Collins, David Buffum, Joseph Metcalf, Thomas Harkness and Perez Peck.

From SALEM—Nathan Breed of Lynn, Enoch Page, Moses Greene, William Rogers, Moses Huntington, Jr. Samuel Boyce, Ephraim Leighton and Joshua Page.

From SANDWICH—Isaac R. Gifford, George Howland, Jun., Stephen Dillingham, David K. Akin, Calvin Shepherd, Henry T. Wood, Isaac Lawrence, Thomas Wood, John W. Gifford, William Mitchell and Stephen Allen.

From FALMOUTH—Thomas Jones, Joshua Douglas, Nathan Pope, John W. Minott, Jesse Crosman, Abram Winslow, John Buffum, Henry M. Minott and Lemuel Jones of Brunswick.

From VASSALBORO'—John D. Lang, Joseph H. Cole, Clement Rackliff, Joseph Taber, Hartwell A. Jenkins, Josiah Jones and Caleb Nichols.

From DOVER—Timothy Hanson, Benajah Buffum, Stephen Beede, Olney Thompson, William Hussey and Tobias Meader.

From FAIRFIELD—Allen Wing, George Richardson, Elijah Pope, Samuel Taylor, Jun., David Dudley, Ephraim E. Swan and Alden Sampson—

whose names being called, they were all present except one, for whose absence a sufficient reason was assigned. No Report from Smithfield Quarterly Meeting has yet been received.

Our beloved friends Benjamin Seebohm and Robert Lindsay, from Great Britain, whose certificates were read in this Meeting, and duly acknowledged on our records in 1847, are again acceptably in attendance of this Meeting. We have also the acceptable company of our beloved friends George Carter, from Springfield Monthly Meeting, in the State of Ohio; Eleazer Bales, from White Lick Monthly Meeting, Indiana; Enos Pray, from West Branch Monthly Meeting, Ohio; Cornelius Douglas, from Springfield Monthly Meeting, Ohio; Zebulon Weaver, from Smyrna Monthly Meeting, State of New-York; Nathaniel Sands, from Cornwall Monthly Meeting, New-York; John Thorne, from Nine Partners Monthly Meeting, and Abigail F. Cornell, from Butternuts Monthly Meeting, New-York. Satisfactory testimonials from their respective Meetings were read, expressive of unity with them as ministers, and with their present religious engagements.

We have likewise the acceptable company of our beloved friend, Henry Wilson, from Blue River Monthly Meeting, Indiana, companion to our friend Eleazer Bales, and Isaac Jay, companion to our friend Enos Pray, from whose respective Meetings satisfactory testimonials were read.

We have received and read at this time the general printed Epistle from the Yearly Meeting of London, held last year, and the solemn truths set forth and the salutary counsel contained therein, we are desirous may deeply impress our minds, and in order that they may be spread before the members of this Yearly Meeting generally, we appoint Samuel Boyce and William C. Taber, to cause 3000 copies to be printed and forwarded to our several Quarterly Meetings.

We have received and read at this time Epistles addressed to this Meeting by the Yearly Meetings of London, Ireland,

New-York, Baltimore, North Carolina and Indiana. These salutations of love are truly acceptable and encouraging to us, and we appoint the following Friends to take the same into consideration and as way opens for it, prepare essays of communications to those several Meetings and present them to a future sitting, viz:—Thomas Anthony, Rowland Greene, Moses H. Beede, John Meader, Samuel Boyd Tobey, Samuel Boyce, William Mitchell, Samuel Taylor, Jun., Lemuel Jones, of Brunswick, William C. Taber, Joseph H. Cole, Stephen Beede, Olney Thompson, Moses Farnum, George Richardson, Nathan Breed, of Lynn, Charles Atherton, Perez Peck, Jacob H. Vining, David Rodman, David K. Akin, Eli Jones, John D. Lang, Moses Huntington, Jun., William A. Robinson, David Buffum, George Howland, Jun., Moses Taber, Thomas Grover, John Howland, John Osborne and Joseph Taber.

The representatives whose names have been read in this Meeting (notwithstanding the report from one of our Quarterly Meetings has not yet been received) are requested to meet at the close of the present sitting and propose the names of friends for Clerk and Assistant Clerk to the next session of this Meeting.

Adjourned to 4 o'clock this afternoon.

Afternoon, Friends assembled pursuant to adjournment.

Rowland Greene, on behalf of the representatives, reported that they had conferred together on the subject, and were united in proposing Samuel Boyd Tobey for Clerk, and John Osborne for Assistant Clerk of this Meeting for the ensuing year, which is approved, and they are appointed to those stations accordingly.

The report from Smithfield Quarterly Meeting was now presented, by which it appears that the following friends were appointed representatives to this Meeting, viz:—Paul Wing, Rowland Rathbun, Edward Foster, David Babcock, and Thomas Grover, whose names being called, they were all present.

The subject of addressing our brethren of the Yearly Meet-

mings of Philadelphia and Ohio, being brought before this Meeting, we were introduced into tender and deep feeling in relation thereto and with an ardent desire that we may be favored to know and follow the leadings of the great Head of the Church, we are fully united in appointing our friends Rowland Greene, Samuel Boyd Tobey, John Meader, John D. Lang, Perez Peck, Samuel Taylor, Jun., Thomas Anthony, James Jones, Isaac Lawrence, Thomas Jones, Estis Newhall, David Buffum, Benjamin Fry, William Mitchell, Caleb Jones, Lemuel Gifford, Samuel Boyce, Moses H. Beede, David K. Akin, George Richardson, Allen Wing, Olney Thompson, Edward Earle, John Osborne, Eli Jones, William C. Taber, Clement Rackliff, Nathan Pope, Nathan Breed, of Lynn, Tobias Meader and Joseph Taber, to take the subject into their solid and careful consideration, and if in the Truth way should open for it, they are desired to prepare essays of communications to those Meetings.

The Records of this meeting of last year were now read.

The several Quarterly Meetings, in their Reports, inform that they have directed their proportions of the stock called for by this Meeting last year, to be paid to our Treasurer, and we appoint our friends Perez Peck, Micajah C. Pratt, William C. Taber, Henry M. Minott, Edward Foster, Moses Taber, Benajah Buffum and Alden Sampson to examine and settle the Treasurer's account—consider of a sum suitable to be raised for the use of this Meeting for the ensuing year, and propose the name of a friend for Treasurer.

Thomas Harkness, David Rodman, William C. Taber, Joshua Douglass, Edward Earle, Josiah Jones, Stephen Beede and Elijah Pope, are appointed to prepare a summary of the Answers to the Queries, and present it to our next sitting.

Adjourned to 10 o'clock to-morrow morning.

Third day morning the 12th, the meeting convened according to adjournment. The representatives all present but one.

The meeting now entered upon the consideration of the state of Society by the reading of the Queries and Answers

from the several Quarterly Meetings, and proceeded therein as far as the 3d, inclusive.

We were introduced into deep exercise on account of the manifest deficiency of a due attendance of our religious meetings. We were impressively reminded by beloved brethren of our entire dependence upon our Almighty Father for all that we enjoy, both spiritual and temporal, and that it is indeed our reasonable service to assemble ourselves together for the purpose of waiting upon Him and of rendering unto Him the tribute of worship and of praise. The unspeakably precious privilege of being permitted to convene together and unitedly to draw near unto Him, unworthy as we are of such condescending mercy, was feelingly spread before us, and we were tenderly exhorted to increased diligence with thankful hearts to appear before Him, that we may know our strength to be renewed. Friends were earnestly entreated to faithfulness in encouraging one another herein, and that this duty should not be neglected by any who love the Lord Jesus Christ in sincerity, whether they may be appointed to any special station in the Church or not, being assured that the promise will be verified, that in watering they shall themselves be watered. Love to God and love one unto another, are ever found to exist together and are the clothing of the spirit of every true follower of Christ, and we were impressively reminded that if we love not our brother whom we have seen, we shall not love God whom we have not seen. Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, with all thy soul and with all thy strength, and thy neighbor as thyself—on these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets. God is love and they that dwell in God dwell in love. As this is our blessed condition, detraction and tale-bearing will no more be known among us—the tongue will be bridled—and we shall feel religiously restrained from speaking evil one of another. The importance of bringing up our children and those under our care in plainness of speech, behavior and apparel, was impressively spread before us, as well as the necessity of restraining from reading those pernicious books and

publications which abound at the present day and which are calculated to draw our minds from the love of the reading of good books, and above all of the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make wise unto salvation through faith that is in Christ Jesus. We were warned of the certain tendency of these publications to undermine our faith in the fundamental doctrines of the Christian religion, and even to lead us to that infidelity which will cause us to doubt as to the eternal divinity of our adorable Redeemer, and of the efficacy of that atoning sacrifice offered by Him unto the Father when he bowed his holy head upon the cross and said, "it is finished." During this season our hearts were humbled and tendered, and we crave that a sense thereof may abidingly remain with us.

Adjourned to 4 o'clock this afternoon.

Afternoon, Friends again assembled.

The meeting resumed the consideration of the state of Society by reading the remaining Queries and Answers.

The following is a summary of the Answers received, viz :

SUMMARY OF ANSWERS.

1st. All our meetings for religious worship and discipline have been duly held, except the meeting at Little Compton and in a few other instances occasioned by sickness and inclemency of the weather. Meetings on First-days are attended by most of our members, while mid-week meetings and those for discipline are more neglected. The hour is generally observed. A few instances of sleeping are noticed in all the answers. Nearly clear of other unbecoming behavior.—Some care appears to have been extended.

2d. Love and unity appear to be maintained, yet not without some exceptions; detraction is mostly guarded against. Care is taken to end differences when they arise.

3d. Most Friends are concerned to bring up those under their direction in plainness, to restrain them from pernicious reading and from corrupt conversation, and are exemplary herein themselves, while some are remiss in these important

duties. The Holy Scriptures appear to be frequently read in Friends' families.

4th. Generally clear in the several parts of this query.— Exceptions in the improper use of spirituous liquors are however noticed in the answers from five of the Quarters. Some care is reported in two of the answers.

5th. A good degree of care is taken in the several parts of this query.

6th. Friends are generally careful in these respects; yet a few exceptions are noticed in most of the answers. Some care taken.

7th. Our testimonies appear to be maintained in these respects, with a few exceptions, mostly of a military character.

8th. Friends are mostly careful in the several parts of this query, yet some exceptions are reported in most of the answers.

9th. Our records appear to be generally attended to, with some exceptions in regard to births and deaths. A few removals without certificate are reported in all the answers but one. Some care taken.

10th. Care is generally taken to deal with offenders in a good degree as queried, yet some exceptions, mostly in regard to timely dealing, are noticed. Endeavors appear to be used to place judgment, when necessary, according to discipline.

The Committee having charge of our Boarding School presented the following Report, which is satisfactory to us, and the propositions therein contained are approved and confirmed by this Meeting, and the Clerk is directed to forward copies thereof to our Quarterly and Monthly Meetings.

“TO THE YEARLY MEETING:

The Committee for the Superintendence of the Yearly Meeting Boarding School, have during the past year paid such attention to their appointments, as way has opened for, and according to their ability have endeavored to discharge the duties confided to them by the Yearly Meeting.

Our friends, Silas and Sarah M. Cornell, have continued in the station of Superintendents, and Charles Atherton and Ed-

ward G. Hoag, were engaged as Teachers in the boys' school during the year, with the addition of Richard D. Meader during the winter term. In the girls' school Martha M. Haines and Anna B. Page have been engaged as Teachers during the year, and Lydia Almy was employed in addition during the winter term.

Instruction in the languages has been given on five days in the week, in both schools during the year by Lafayette Burr, and in writing, during the latter part of the winter term, by Charles G. Pinkham.

The average number of scholars has been 117, viz. 63 males and 54 females.

Meetings for worship have been regularly held in the House, harmony has prevailed, and the family generally has been favored with good health. One or two cases of varioloid occurred during the fall vacation, on which account the commencement of the winter term was delayed for two weeks.

Semi-annual examinations of the schools by the Committee have been made as heretofore, and the Institution has also been visited by sub-committees appointed monthly, and these examinations and visits have been generally satisfactory, showing a good degree of diligence on the part of the scholars, and care and vigilance on that of the Teachers.

The accounts of the Superintendent and Treasurer of the School fund have been audited.

The expenditures of the School for the past year, ending with the last winter Term have been about 14,253 dollars.

The income has been as follows, viz. Interest from the School fund which may be stated at \$6,800, and from board and tuition of scholars \$6,400.

Total income \$13,200, leaving a deficiency of income to meet expenditures of about \$1,000.

The available balance in the hands of the Treasurer in the fifth month, the time of settlement, may be stated at \$508 77.

During the fall vacation, a considerable alteration was made in the accommodations for the school in the west wing, by which a much more commodious apartment is provided, and

which is believed to be a great improvement. The expenses of this change and of various other repairs are included in the above expenditures. The deficiency in the income to meet the expenses of the Institution may be principally accounted for from the larger number of scholars who have been at the School the past year. The price of board and tuition for members of our own Yearly Meeting, being only about two-thirds of the actual cost, and the balance being made up from the income of the permanent fund, it will be obvious that when the number of scholars exceeds a certain amount, it cannot be expected that the income of the school will meet its expenses, and the number of scholars for the past year having been larger than usual, there has been as it is stated a deficiency in the income to meet the current expenses.

We would propose, that the terms of Board and Tuition, should be continued as last year, viz. thirty dollars per term for members of our Yearly Meeting; forty-five dollars for those not members, one or both of whose parents are members, and fifty dollars for others who may be admitted, and that five dollars per term in addition continue to be charged for instruction in the languages. We would also propose that each Monthly Meeting have the privilege of sending one scholar, free of expense for one term, the same to be occupied either at the next winter or succeeding summer term, at the discretion of the Monthly Meeting. The several Monthly Meetings to notify the Committee at their meeting in the tenth month of their conclusion, in case they propose to occupy the privilege in the Summer term.

In pursuance of the authority given to the Committee by the Yearly Meeting; a sale has been effected of the parcel of land lying north of Olney street in the city of Providence, for the sum of six thousand five hundred dollars, and the purchase money has been received or secured in the hands of the Treasurer of the School fund. And in the circumstances under which this piece of land was acquired, it having been purchased from the remainder of a donation from our late friend Moses Brown, intended for the enlargement of the Real

Estate of the Institution, the Committee are united in recommending to the Yearly Meeting the permanent funding of the money received from the above sale, and the appropriation of the income only upon the improvement of the Real Estate of the institution.

In conclusion we would express the desire and hope, that this interesting Institution may continue to claim and receive the fostering care and concern of Friends, and that with the Divine blessing, it may become increasingly useful to the rising generation in our religious society in affording facilities for training them up in a love of truth, and in an increased concern for the maintenance of those precious testimonies given us to bear.

Signed on behalf of the Committee,

SAMUEL BOYCE,

Clerk for the day."

Newport, 6th mo. 9, 1849.

For the promotion of the interests of the Institution, we appoint our friends Samuel Taylor, Jun., William C. Taber, Allen Wing, Caleb Jones, Jacob H. Vining, Edward Earl, Olney Thompson, Tobias Meader, Benjamin Fry, Eli Jones, Micajah C. Pratt, Joseph H. Cole, William Gifford of Falmouth, Moses F. Rogers, Joseph Metcalf, Stephen Dillingham, John Page, William Mitchell, Enoch Page, Joseph Cartland, Edmund Chase, Charles R. Tucker, Alton Pope, Thomas Harkness, Perez Peck, John Osborne, Jervis Shove, John Howland, Joseph Estis, Moses Taber, Edward Foster, Moses H. Beede, George Richardson, Stephen Beede, William P. Howland and Lemuel Jones of Brunswick, to unite with the School Committee now under appointment, in considering any subjects that may be brought before them in relation to the school, and report to a future sitting of this meeting.

Having at this meeting the acceptable company of our beloved friend Phebe N. Douglas, who accompanies her husband, Cornelius Douglas, in his present religious visit, a satisfactory

minute on her behalf was at this time read from Springfield Monthly Meeting, Ohio.

Adjourned to 11 o'clock to-morrow morning.

Fourth day morning the 13th, the meeting convened pursuant to adjournment. The representatives present except two whose absence was satisfactorily accounted for.

By the reports received at this time, it appears that *Salem* Quarterly Meeting has united with Salem Monthly Meeting, in the appointment of Solomon Varney, and with Seabrook Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Oliver D. Rogers and Hannah F. Sawyer, to the station of Elders. That *Sandwich* Quarterly Meeting has united with Sandwich Monthly Meeting in approving the public ministry of Elizabeth Gifford, of Falmouth—with New Bedford Monthly Meeting in approving the public ministry of Rachel S. Howland and Elnathan E. Delano—with Pembroke Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Samuel Brown to the station of an Elder, and with New Bedford Monthly Meeting in the appointment of George Howland, John Howland and Lydia Congdon, to the same station. That *Falmouth* Quarterly Meeting has united with Falmouth Monthly Meeting in approving the public appearances and gift in the ministry of Caleb Jones, and with Durham Monthly Meeting in the appointment of John Buffum to the station of an Elder. That *Vassalboro'* Quarterly Meeting has united with China Monthly meeting in the appointment of Henry Cary to the station of an Elder—with Vassalboro' Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Hanny Pinckham to the same station—with China Monthly Meeting in approving the gift and public appearances in the ministry of James McLaughlin, and with Unity Monthly Meeting in approving the gift and public appearances in the ministry, of Jedediah J. Varney and Joseph H. Pratt. That *Dover* Quarterly Meeting has united with Dover Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Susan L. Meader to the station of an Elder, and with Sandwich Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Noah Varney and Lydia Varney to the same station. That *Fair-*

field Quarterly Meeting has united with Litchfield Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Elijah Pope and Noah Farr, Jun., to the station of Elders.

The Records of the Meeting for Sufferings for the past year were laid before us and read, and the proceedings of that Meeting in relation to the various subjects that have claimed its attention are satisfactory to, and approved by this meeting.

The committee appointed yesterday on the concerns of the Boarding School are requested to present to a future sitting of this meeting the names of suitable friends to constitute a meeting for sufferings for the ensuing year.

The subject of the approaching conference of Committees of the different Yearly Meetings of Friends, proposed to be held at Baltimore next month, claiming our attention, and in consequence of the decease of one of our beloved friends appointed last year, and other causes rendering it proper in our judgment to make an addition to the committee then appointed, our friends, Rowland Greene, Thomas Jones, Edmond Cates, John D. Lang, John Howland, Thomas Anthony, Lemuel Gifford, Samuel Boyd Tobey, Moses H. Beede, Isaac Lawrence, John Osborne and Olney Thompson are appointed to propose the names of friends to be added to those now under appointment and report to a future sitting.

The report from Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting, contains the following proposition, viz.

“With the concurrence of the Women’s Meeting we have concluded to propose to the Yearly Meeting, that the hour in the 8th and 11th months, at which our Quarterly Meeting of Ministers and Elders assembles, be changed from the *Eleventh* hour in the morning, to the *Second* in the afternoon,”—

—which is united with by this and the Womens Meeting, and the meeting of Ministers and Elders, is accordingly to assemble at the 2d hour in the afternoon on the 8th and 11th months, the change to take place in the 11th month next and the Clerk is directed to furnish the Quarterly Meeting with a copy of this minute.

Salem Quarterly Meeting proposes that the hour of holding

that meeting in the 1st, 5th and 10th months, be changed from the 11th to the 10th hour in the morning, with which this and the Women's Meeting unite, and the Clerk is directed to furnish Salem Quarterly Meeting with a copy of this minute.

The following proposition is contained in the Report from Sandwich Quarterly Meeting, viz.

"A proposition that the sittings of our Select Quarterly Meeting be in future held at the 3d hour in the afternoon of the day preceding the Quarterly Meeting instead of the 11th hour in the forenoon, as at present, has been united with in this meeting—the change to take place in the 10th month next if it meets the approval of the Yearly Meeting,"—
—which is united with by this and the Womens Yearly Meeting, and the Clerk is directed to furnish the Quarterly Meeting with a copy of this minute.

Vassalboro' Quarterly Meeting makes the following proposition viz.

"We are united in proposing to the consideration of the Yearly Meeting, the propriety of holding this Quarterly Meeting in the 5th and 11th months, at East Vassalboro', on the same day of the week and at the same hour, as heretofore held; and that the Select Quarterly Meeting be held at the same place in those months, the day preceding, at the 2d hour in the afternoon; the Women's Meeting uniting herein,"

—which is united with, by this and the Women's Meeting, and it is directed that the Quarterly Meeting be held accordingly, and the Clerk is directed to furnish that meeting with a copy of this minute.

Smithfield Quarterly Meeting proposes that that Meeting, which has heretofore been held at Smithfield in the 2d month, shall be held in future at Worcester in the same month, and that the meeting held at Northbridge in the 11th month, shall hereafter be held at Smithfield in the same month, which is united with by this and the Women's Meeting, and the Clerk is directed to furnish that Quarterly Meeting with a copy of this minute.

Adjourned to 5 o'clock this afternoon.

Afternoon, Friends again assembled.

The Committee appointed to consider any subject that might come before them, connected with the interests of our Boarding School, made the following Report, viz.

“The committee on the school Report, having met and considered the subjects referred to them, have concluded to propose to the Yearly Meeting, that two friends of each sex be selected from each Quarterly Meeting and that eight of each sex be taken at large without reference to particular Quarterly Meetings to constitute a school committee, and that the appointment be an annual one.

That the admission of Scholars from other Yearly Meetings be restricted to members of our Society.

That when members of other Yearly Meetings be admitted they be charged the actual expense incurred, and that the committee ascertain as soon as practicable the actual cost per scholar.

For the Committee,

JOHN OSBORNE.”

Newport, Sixth mo., 13th 1849.

Which is satisfactory, and the same committee is requested to present to a future sitting of this meeting the names of suitable friends to constitute a School Committee.

It appearing that the edition of our Book of Discipline, recently printed, is not sufficiently large to supply our meetings, and all our members who desire to possess it, the meeting for Sufferings is requested to cause another edition of 500 copies to be printed for the above purpose.

The Committee appointed last year, to take into consideration the subject of the removal of this Yearly Meeting to a more central place, made the following Report, viz.

“TO THE YEARLY MEETING :

The Committee on a proposition for a removal of the Yearly Meeting, report that we have paid considerable attention to our appointment, but are not ready to make a definite report

at this time, and would propose that the matter be continued under the care of a committee.

On behalf of the Committee,

BENJAMIN FRY,
MARY B. FARNUM.

Newport, 6th mo. 12, 1849.

NOTE.—We think it right to state, for the information of the Yearly Meeting, that we find on examination, that ample accommodations can be obtained at a more central point, whenever the Yearly Meeting shall have settled that it is best to remove,”—

which is satisfactory to us and the committee are continued and desired to report to this Meeting next year.

The Committee of this Meeting on the subject of Education, made the following report, viz.

“TO THE YEARLY MEETING :

The Committee appointed at our last Yearly Meeting upon the subject of Education Report :

That during the year we have given some attention to the duties of our appointment, and since our organization in the 6th month last, we have held meetings as specified in the *minute* of our appointment, viz. At the Boarding school at Providence in the 10th month last, (at which time the Members of the committee present, witnessed the examination of the school, which was interesting and satisfactory,) and have had three several sittings of the committee the present week at this place.

Written reports from Members of the committee in three of the Quarterly Meetings, have been received at this time, representing, that Meetings of the Committee had been held in those quarters, and Friends generally in their vicinities had been invited to participate in them. And although much has not been done in establishing select Friends' Schools, yet the subject has been kept alive in the minds of the committee in those quarters.

Verbal reports were made by members of the committee from some of the other Quarterly Meetings, showing on the whole, that the subject of our appointment has been kept

more or less in view by the members of the committee generally.

Some care has been taken to obtain statistical information relative to the education of Friends' children, but we have received returns from but twenty-four Monthly Meetings ; leaving seven unheard from. As far as received, however, the accounts show a small increase of the per centage of children attending Friends' schools, over last year, and are as follows :

No. of children in 24 Monthly Meetings, between the ages of	
4 and 16,	1,110
No. of children between the ages of 16 and 21,	481
“ Monthly Meeting Schools,	1
“ Preparative Meeting “	1
“ Family “	8
“ children attending Friends' Schools,	197
“ “ “ Mixed Schools,	1,214

Much has been said at our sittings, by members of the committee, and other exercised Friends, pressing upon those present, the importance of the early religious and right literary education of the youth of our society. We however feel that but little has been accomplished by the committee the past year, but hope that the little which has been done, will not be without its use.

Signed by direction of the Committee,

WM. P. HOWLAND, *Clerk.*

Newport, 6th mo. 13th, 1849.”

—which is satisfactory and interesting to us—and it is our conclusion to re-appoint the same committee another year—desiring their encouragement and continued attention to the important object of their appointment, and our friends Daniel Shepherd, David Kelly, Stephen Dillingham, Joseph S. Nichols, Josiah Holmes, Jun., Solomon R. Knowles, William R. Taber and Henry T. Wood, are added to the Committee.

The Committee to examine and settle the Treasurer's account, made the following Report, viz.

“TO THE YEARLY MEETING:

We, the committee to settle with the Treasurer, report that

we have attended to that service and found a balance in his hands of seven hundred and seventeen dollars and twenty-one cents, and we would propose that the sum of two thousand dollars be raised the coming year, and propose the name of David Buffum for Treasurer.

On behalf of the Committee,

PEREZ PECK.

Newport, 6th mo. 13, 1849."

—which is acceptable to us, and David Buffum is accordingly appointed Treasurer of this meeting for the ensuing year and our several Quarterly Meetings are requested to forward their respective proportions of \$2000 to our Treasurer.

The Committee of this Meeting on our concern for the Penobscot and Passamaquoddy tribes of Indians made the following report, viz.

"TO THE YEARLY MEETING:

The Committee having charge of the concern of this Meeting for the improvement of the Penobscot and Passamaquoddy Tribes of Indians, report—

That the objects of our appointment have from time to time claimed our attention during the past year, and we have desired to improve every right opening to do them good;—but obstacles, beyond our control, have appeared to retard their improvement, and so far to embarrass the committee in their designed operations, as to induce them to think it inexpedient at present to attempt to carry into effect the suggestion of employing a person awhile in seed-time to advise and assist them.

In the Fall of last year, our friend Thomas Wells feeling his mind drawn to visit both of these tribes, was accompanied through said visit by one of our members, from whom we obtain the following particulars relative to their visit, and the condition of the Indians, viz: That they first visited them from cabin to cabin, entering familiarly into conversation with them on subjects connected with their best interests,

and afterwards calling them together in the order of a religious meeting—four of which were held at different places with portions of the Penobscot tribe, where much pertinent counsel was imparted, and with the exception of that at Old-town (where the influence of the Priest prevented the satisfactory carrying out of the object) they were relieving seasons, and the counsel administered was listened to with marked attention by the Indians; several of whom expressed their gratitude therefor. Their farming operations were but little examined, yet sufficiently so to satisfy us that, however well some may have done, as a whole, they are not on the increase.—This may in part, be attributed to the almost total failure of their wheat and potato crops for a few seasons past, and in part, to a high state of political excitement among them.

Among the Passamaquoddy Indians, who are far less civilized, the visit was conducted nearly in the same manner as before described, but it was differently received on the part of the Indians. At two out of three meetings, which were held among them, we were told plainly that our counsel could not be received unless it came from the Priest, that it would never do for Indians to learn to read and write and be like white men, because they would then lose their Catholic religion and become wicked. The same political controversy prevails among them, and the same excitement influenced them that we found under the eye of the Priest at Old-town. So far as we could ascertain, their farming operations in the township are small and poorly done (not worthy of description except to shew the smallness and rudeness of their capacity) on a soil that would richly reward the labors of the diligent.

Although the prospect of rendering these interesting objects much real help seems discouraging, yet we would express a hope that the Yearly Meeting may still hold them in remembrance, and continue some channel through which

every right opening may be improved to better their condition.

On behalf of the Committee.

STEPHEN JONES, Jun.

JOHN OSBORNE.

China, 6th mo. 4, 1849."

—which is acceptable to us—and although at the present time the circumstances brought into view by the report are not so encouraging as at some former times, yet we believe it right to continue the same committee under appointment, with the exception of our late dear friend John Warren, and we desire them to embrace every opening that may be presented to do good to these interesting objects of our concern.

A Testimony of New Bedford Monthly Meeting, approved by Sandwich Quarterly Meeting, concerning our late beloved friend Abraham Shearman, Jun., was read in this meeting, and the remembrance of our late dear friend and of his devotion to the cause of truth through a long life, was sweetly brought before us, and a living concern was felt for our individual encouragement to follow him as he followed Christ.—The memorial was directed to be recorded.

Adjourned to 4 o'clock to-morrow afternoon.

Fifth day afternoon the 14th, the meeting again assembled according to adjournment.

The Representatives present as yesterday.

We are informed that our beloved friend James Jones, has been liberated to perform a religious visit in Great Britain and Ireland, and if way should open for it, at some places on the continent of Europe; whereupon we appoint our friends John D. Lang, Samuel Boyce, Thomas Harkness, John Howland, George Howland, Jr., Alden Sampson and Samuel Taylor, Jr., to render any advice and assistance that may be proper to aid him in his contemplated visit.

The Committee appointed yesterday on that subject, now propose the names of our friends John Meader, Samuel Tay-

lor, Jr., and Samuel Boyce, to be added to the Committee now under appointment to represent this meeting in the Conference of Committees of Yearly Meetings proposed to be held at Baltimore.

The Committee to whom that subject was referred, propose the names of the following friends to constitute a Meeting for Sufferings on the part of this meeting for the ensuing year, viz: Rowland Greene, Estis Newhall, James N. Fry, Thomas Anthony, Edward Wing, Benjamin Fry, John Osborne, Jonathan Dennis, David Buffum, Abijah Chase, Perez Peck, William Reynolds, Moses Farnum, Joseph Metcalf, John Meader, George Howland, Nathan Pope, Samuel Boyd Tobey, John D. Lang, Moses H. Beede, Samuel Taylor, Jr., Edmond Chase, Allen Wing, Samuel Boyce, John Howland, Joseph Taber of Albion, Timothy C. Collins, Beriah Collins, Olney Thompson, Abraham Barker of Tiverton, Lemuel Jones of Brunswick, Thomas Harkness, Stephen Jones, Jr., David K. Akin, Stephen A. Chase, David Douglas, William Farr, Isaac Lawrence, William C. Taber, Tobias Meader, Ephraim Leighton, Micajah C. Pratt, Thomas Jones, and Moses Taber.

—which are satisfactory, and they are accordingly appointed to that service, and requested to act on our behalf in relation to any subject affecting the welfare of our religious society, according to the original organization and appointment of that Meeting.

The Committee above referred to also propose the names of the following friends to constitute a School Committee, viz: Samuel Boyd Tobey, John Meader, Samuel Boyce, Stephen A. Chase, George Howland, Jr., William C. Taber, Lemuel Jones, Caleb Jones, John Osborne, Edward Earle, Eli Jones, John D. Lang, Benajah Buffum, Tobias Meader, Alden Sampson, Samuel Taylor, Jr., William A. Robinson, Joseph Metcalf, Thomas Anthony, David Buffum, William P. Howland, Perez Peck, Rowland Greene and Joseph H. Cole.

—which are satisfactory to us, and they are appointed to unite with a similar Committee of women Friends in the govern-

ment and direction of our Boarding School as heretofore, and requested to report to this Meeting next year.

[Women's Committee.—Mary Shove, Elizabeth Meader, Rhoda Howland, Jr., Sarah H. Anthony, Mary E. Breed, Eliza B. Boyce, Mary B. Farnum, Lydia R. Kelley, Phebe H. Meader, Hannah G. Sawyer, Lydia H. Jones, Jane C. Minot, Ann Almira Lang, Lydia P. Fry, Lucy J. Hawkes, Lydia Taylor, Ann B. Earle, Eunice Metcalf, Eliza A. Osborne, Rachel S. Howland, Elizabeth Wing, Joanna Peck, Huldah A. Meader and Dorcas F. Tucker.]

The Committee on the concern of this Meeting for the Indians located west of the Mississippi, made the following report, viz :

"TO THE YEARLY MEETING NOW SITTING :

The Committee having charge of the concern of this Yearly Meeting for the Indians located west of the Mississippi river, report,

That they have not been unmindful of the duties of their appointment, but way has not opened to render them any active service, during the past year. Still we believe that it will be best to continue this concern under the care of a committee another year.

SAMUEL TAYLOR, JR.,

For the Committee.

Newport, 6th mo. 11, 1849."

—which is acceptable, and the Friends now under appointment are continued and requested to report to this Meeting next year.

The Committee to advise with the Treasurer as to the investment of the donation of our late friend Abraham Shearman, Jr., to this meeting, made the following report, viz :

"TO THE YEARLY MEETING NOW SITTING :

The Committee appointed to advise with the Treasurer, as to the investment of the bequest to this Meeting, by our late

beloved friend Abraham Shearman, Jr., Report—that we have attended to the duties of our appointment, and herewith present the receipt of the Treasurer of this Meeting.

On behalf of the Committee,

JOHN OSBORNE.

Newport, 6th mo. 13th, 1849.”

—and the receipt presented is directed to be placed on file, with the papers of this Meeting.

The Committee appointed to cause to be reprinted the London General Epistle, made the following report, viz :

“TO THE YEARLY MEETING NOW SITTING :

The Committee appointed to cause the London General Epistle of the past year to be reprinted, report,

That they have attended to that service, and the number of copies ordered are now to be delivered at the direction of the meeting.

On behalf of the Committee,

WILLIAM C. TABER.

Newport, 6th mo. 14, 1849.”

—and the Representatives are requested to take charge of the copies for their respective meetings.

The Committee appointed last year to visit subordinate meetings made the following report, viz :

“TO THE YEARLY MEETING :

The Committee to visit subordinate meetings, Report : that they have given attention to their appointment, and have extended such advice and assistance to different Meetings as circumstances appeared to require and way opened for, and while we have been introduced into sympathy with our dear friends for the encouragement and strengthening of whom the Yearly Meeting was concerned to appoint a Committee, we have apprehended that it might not be necessary to continue the ap-

pointment the present year—which we submit to the Yearly Meeting.

On behalf of the Committee,

JOHN L. LANG,

MARY B. FARNUM.

Newport, 6th mo. 14th, 1849.”

—which is satisfactory to us.

The Committee on Correspondence are requested to prepare and present to our next sitting, essays of minutes, for our friends from different Yearly Meetings on this Continent, [our friends from England not having yet completed their visit within our limits.]

Essays of Epistles to our brethren of the Yearly Meetings of Ireland and New York were now presented by the Committee on Correspondence, and being approved, the Clerk is directed to sign them on our behalf, and forward them to those meetings.

Our friends Eli Jones, Wm. P. Howland, Lemuel Jones, Benajah Buffum, Caleb Jones and Edward Earle, having been appointed at this time members of the School Committee, we appoint our friends Gideon Wood, Josiah Jones, Joshua Douglas, Isaiah Fry, Robert Knowles and Benjamin Buffum to supply their places on the Committee of Education.

Adjourned to 9 o'clock to-morrow morning.

Sixth day morning, the 15th, the meeting convened pursuant to adjournment. The Representatives present as yesterday.

The Committee appointed to consider the subject of addressing the Yearly Meetings of Philadelphia and Ohio made the following report, viz :

“ TO THE YEARLY MEETING :

The Committee appointed to take into consideration the subject of addressing our brethren of Philadelphia and Ohio at the present time, report :

That we have endeavored solidly and deliberately to weigh the subject, and it is our judgment that it is best for this Yearly Meeting again to offer Epistles to those meetings,—

and we have accordingly prepared essays, which we herewith present.

On behalf of the Committee,

THOMAS JONES.

Newport, 6th mo. 14th, 1849."

—which is satisfactory to us, and the Essays of the Epistles thus brought before us were read, and being united with by this meeting, the Clerk is directed to sign them on our behalf and forward them to those meetings.

The Clerk is directed to sign on our behalf the following Minute for our friend George Carter, and similar Minutes for our friends Eleazer Bales, Enos Pray, Cornelius Douglas, Zebulon Weaver, Nathaniel Sands, John Thorne and Abigail F. Cornell, viz :

"Our beloved friend George Carter attended this meeting. His company and religious services have been truly acceptable to us."

The Clerk is directed to sign on our behalf the following Minute for our friend Henry Wilson, and similar Minutes for our friends Isaac Jay and Phebe N. Douglas, viz :

"Our beloved friend Henry Wilson attended this meeting. His company and solid deportment have been acceptable and satisfactory to us."

Essays of Epistles to our brethren of the Yearly Meetings of London, Baltimore, North Carolina and Indiana, were now produced and read, which being approved, the Clerk is directed to sign them on our behalf and forward them to those meetings respectively.

The Clerk is authorized to make any necessary extracts from our Minutes not already provided for, and sign them on our behalf.

The Clerk, with the aid of our friend John Meader, is requested to cause three thousand copies of the Minutes of this

Meeting for the present year to be printed and forwarded to our subordinate Meetings.

The various important subjects that have claimed the attention of this Yearly Meeting having been satisfactorily disposed of, under a humbling sense of the mercy and goodness of our Heavenly Father, which have been witnessed during the several sittings of this meeting, in feelings of brotherly love we now conclude, proposing to meet again at this place at the usual time next year, if the Lord permit.

Signed on behalf of the Meeting,

SAMUEL BOYD TOBEY,

Clerk this Year.

MINUTES

OF

NEW ENGLAND YEARLY MEETING

OF

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MINUTES.

At the Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England, held on Rhode-Island, commencing with public meetings for worship at Newport and Portsmouth, on first day the 16th ; and at Newport for discipline on second day morning, the 17th of sixth month, 1850—

By the reports received from our Quarterly Meetings, it appears that the following Friends have been appointed Representatives to this meeting viz :

From RHODE-ISLAND—Rowland Greene, Thomas Anthony, David Buffum, John Meader, Thomas S. Gifford, Edmund Chace, Joseph Metcalf, Timothy C. Collins and Jonathan Dennis 2d.

From SALEM—Edward Gove, Stephen A. Chase, Samuel Boyce, Enoch Page, Thomas W. Thorndike, Estes Newhall, Joshua Page and Oliver D. Rogers.

From SANDWICH—George Howland, Calvin Shepherd, Lemuel Gifford, Henry T. Wood, Joseph Wing, Joseph Gifford, John Potter and Isaac R. Gifford.

From FALMOUTH—Thomas Jones, Nathan Douglas, Henry M. Minot, Robert Goddard, Joshua Cobb, David Winslow, Nathan Pope, John W. Minot, Lemuel Jones, of Brunswick, Jesse Crossman and Caleb Jones.

From SMITHFIELD—Thomas Grover, Richard Battey, James N. Fry, Charles Hadwen, Paul Aldrich and John Osborne.

From VASSALBORO — Elisha Jones, Joseph Taber, Clement Rackliff, Alton Pope, Stephen Jones, Joseph H. Cole and Thomas B. Nichols.

From DOVER—John Meader, Benajah Buffum, Isaiah Fry,
and Stephen Jenkins, of Elliot.

From FAIRFIELD—Elijah Pope, Sands Wing, Samuel Taylor,
Jun., Reuben Jones, David Douglas,
Frederic Swan, George Richardson and
Alden Sampson—

whose names being called, they were all present except three,
for whose absence sufficient reasons were assigned.

Having at this meeting the acceptable company of our beloved friends, Richard Mott, from Purchase Monthly Meeting ; Thomas Willis, of Westbury and Jericho Monthly Meeting ; Nathaniel Sands of Cornwall Monthly Meeting, N. Y., and of Anna Thornburgh, of Walnut Ridge Monthly Meeting, Indiana, satisfactory testimonials from their respective meetings, expressive of the unity thereof with them as ministers, and with their present religious engagements were presented and read.

We have likewise the acceptable company of our beloved friend, Richard Carpenter, from Purchase Monthly Meeting, and also of Micajah C. Binford, of Walnut Ridge Monthly Meeting, and Lydia Bell, of Hopewell Monthly Meeting, Indiana, as companions to our friend Anna Thornburgh. Satisfactory testimonials from their respective Meetings were read.

We have received and read at this time the printed general Epistle from the Yearly Meeting of London, of last year, and we have felt the important doctrines therein set forth, together with the excellent counsel contained therein to be very instructive and salutary ; and with a desire that friends generally within our limits may have the privilege of perusing it, and that they may derive benefit and comfort therefrom, our friends William C. Taber and Samuel Boyce are appointed to cause 3500 copies to be re-printed, and to distribute them among the several Quarterly Meetings, and draw on the Treasurer of this Meeting for the cost.

Interesting and acceptable Epistles addressed to this Meeting by our brethren of London, Dublin, New York, Baltimore, North Carolina and Indiana Yearly Meetings have been received and read, and with a renewed sense of the import-

ance and usefulness of this correspondence, established in the early days of our religious society, as it continues to be conducted in the life and under the direction of best wisdom, we appoint the following friends to prepare essays of communications, if way should open for it, to the several Yearly Meetings of friends and present them to a future sitting, viz:—Rowland Greene, Thomas Anthony, Samuel Boyce, Charles Atherton, Samuel Boyd Tobey, William C. Taber, John Meader, Stephen A. Chase, Jacob K. Purington, George Richardson, Henry M. Minot, Jacob H. Vining, Daniel Taber, Richard Battey, Joseph Metcalf, Thomas W. Thorndike, Samuel Taylor, jun., Thomas B. Nichols, Charles R. Tucker, Gilbert Congdon, Joseph H. Cole, Thomas Grover, Perez Peck, David Buffum, Nathan Douglas, Newell Hoxie, William A. Robinson, Samuel Austin, Lindley M. Hoag, John Howland, John Osborne, Benjamin Fry, Moses H. Beede and William P. Howland.

The several Quarterly Meetings inform that they have given the necessary attention to raising the Stock called for by this Meeting last year, and we appoint our friends, Perez Peck, Micajah C. Pratt, John Howland, Lemuel Jones, Smith Battey, Ebenezer Fry, Benajah Buffum and Alden Sampson, to examine and settle the Treasurer's account, consider of a sum suitable to be raised by this meeting the present year, and propose the name of a friend for Treasurer and report to a future sitting.

By the reports received at this time, it appears that Rhode-Island Quarterly Meeting has united with Providence Monthly Meeting in approving the public ministry of Hannah C. Robinson and Huldah A. Meader, and in the appointment of Eunice Metcalf and Gilbert Congdon to the station of Elders, and with Greenwich Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Jonathan Freeborn to the same station. That *Salem* Quarter has united with Weare Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Thomas W. Thorndike and Joshua Page to the station of Elders, and with Salem Monthly Meeting in approving the public appearances in the ministry of Samuel Boyce.

That *Sandwich* Quarter has united with New Bedford Monthly Meeting in approving the public ministry of William R. Taber—with Sandwich in the appointment of Joseph Wing and Elizabeth Swift to the station of Elders, and with Dartmouth Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Barrit Beard to the same station. That *Falmouth* has united with Durham Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Robert and Abigail S. Goddard and Eunice J. Rich to the station of Elders. That *Smithfield* Quarter has concurred with Richmond Monthly Meeting in the removal of Esek Cook from the station of an Elder. That *Vassalboro* has united with Vassalboro Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Caleb Nichols to the station of an Elder, and that *Fairfield* has united with St. Albans Monthly Meeting in approving the public ministry of Sarah W. Partridge, and in the appointment of Daniel Shepherd to the station of an Elder, and with Litchfield Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Hannah Pope to the same station.

Adjourned to 4 o'clock this afternoon.

Afternoon, the Meeting convened pursuant to adjournment.

Rowland Greene, on behalf of the representatives, informed the meeting that they were united in proposing Samuel Boyd Tobey for Clerk, and John Osborne for Assistant Clerk, which being approved, they are appointed to those services for the ensuing year.

The Records of this Meeting for the last year were now read.

The subjoined Report of the Boarding School Committee was presented and read, and is satisfactory to this Meeting, and we appoint the following friends to consider the subjects specially proposed therein to be determined by this Meeting and report their views thereon, as well as on any matter connected with the interests of the Institution to a future sitting, viz :—Thomas Anthony, Newell Hoxie, Perez Peck, Isaac R. Gifford, Richard Battey, Caleb Jones, George Howland, Samuel Brown, Stephen A. Chase, Joseph Metcalf, Stephen Jones, Jun., George Howland, Jun., Joseph Taber, Alden Sampson,

Jacob K. Purington, Nathan Breed, of Lynn, Thomas W. Thorndike, Samuel Boyce, Samuel Taylor, Jun., David K. Aiken, Benajah Buffum, David Buffum, William P. Howland, Jacob H. Vining, Lemuel Jones, William Farr, Nathan Breed, of Weare, Rowland Greene, Samnel Boyd Tobey, John Osborne and William A. Robinson, and the above Committee is requested to propose to this Meeting the names of friends to constitute a School Committee for the ensuing year.

“TO THE YEARLY MEETING OF FRIENDS FOR NEW ENGLAND,
SIXTH MONTH, 1850.

We, your Committee for the Superintendence of the Boarding School at Providence, have given attention thereto.— Meetings of the Committee at large have been held at the School, Quarterly, and of a Sub-Committee for its more immediate supervision have been held there Monthly, in the intervening months, at which reports on the condition of the School have been received from members of the Committee deputed to visit it and examine into its condition in the intervals of these Monthly Meetings.

We believe in this manner a pretty intimate knowledge of the condition of the Institution in its various departments has been kept up by the Committee ; and we are encouraged to believe that this condition has been generally much in accordance with the wishes of Friends.

The labors of the Committee have been at times called for and bestowed, to encourage the attention of the Teachers and Scholars to the common and indispensable branches of an English education, such as will fit them to fill the common walks of life, and to discourage a neglect of these for the pursuit of such as do not so immediately concern practical business.

Yet we think it right to furnish in the School the means of instruction in some of the more advanced studies such as Mathematics, Astronomy, the Latin, Greek and French languages, Natural Philosophy, &c. But we believe that in the present state of education among Friends in this Yearly Meeting, the Institution will be most useful in encouraging such a

course of study as looks to the fitting of the children of Friends practically to fulfil the duties common to all—while we agree entirely with the recommendation of George Fox, that Friends' schools should teach whatever is useful in the creation.

Our friends Silas Cornell and Sarah M. Cornell have continued to serve the Institution as Superintendents, and Charles Atherton and Richard D. Meader as Teachers in the Boys' School, with the addition of Welcome O. Brown during the winter term. In the Girls' School as Teachers we have had the services of Martha M. Haines, Anna B. Paige, and Lydia Almy, during the year. Instruction in the languages has been given as heretofore, for a part of the year by Lafayette Burr, and for the remainder by George Pierce.

The average number of Scholars has been one hundred and one, viz. fifty-one males and fifty females.

The family has generally been favored with health, and harmony has prevailed. Meetings for worship have been regularly held as heretofore in the house.

The accounts of the Superintendent and Treasurer of the School Fund have been examined and audited.

The expenditures of the School during the year ending with the last winter Term have been \$13,754 51.

The income from the School Fund has been \$6,595 20—and from board and tuition of Scholars and other sources \$6,912 72. Total income, \$13,507 92, being less than the expenditures by the sum of \$246 59.

The balance in the hands of the Treasurer at the end of the winter Term may be stated at \$262 18, being \$246 59 less than the balance in hand last year—that being the amount by which the expenditures have exceeded the income.

According to the conclusion of the Yearly Meeting last year, the Committee proceeded to ascertain, as near as might be, the actual expense incurred for the board and tuition of a scholar at the School, and found the same to be \$66 per

Term, and that sum, according to the direction of the Yearly Meeting, has been charged the last Term for children members of other Yearly Meetings.

The Committee apprehend that this conclusion of the Yearly Meeting is one which it may be well to review, and they think the present a suitable time for the whole subject of the price of tuition and the application of the funds of the Institution to claim the renewed attention of the Yearly Meeting. They therefore believe it right, instead of proposing the terms for board and tuition the coming year, as has been heretofore usually done, to recommend the whole subject to the deliberate consideration of the Yearly Meeting.

We believe usefulness to the School would arise from the members of the Yearly Meeting's Committee on education attending each of the semi-annual examinations at the School, and would suggest to the Yearly Meeting that such attendance be recommended.

We desire to impress upon the minds of Friends the importance, in our view, of children remaining through the Term they enter for, and being present at the examination at its close. Much discouragement to the care takers at the School and to the Committee, has resulted from scholars leaving previous to such examinations, and we believe a serious loss has also often resulted to the scholars who have thus left, as well as inconvenience to those who remain.

The subject of the training of the youthful members of our religious Society as it has ever been among the most important and interesting concerns of Friends, so we apprehend it remains to be of deep interest to the well being both of its objects and of the Society at large. There is both truth and instruction in the testimony of Scripture, "Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from it." We trust the interest of Friends on this subject has not abated, and we feel encouraged to believe that the School has, under the Divine blessing, served to promote the object of a guarded and religious education, and we may

express the desire that with the continued care of Friends, it may still be useful to the same end.

Signed on behalf and by direction of the School Committee.

STEPHEN A. CHASE, *Clerk*.

Newport, 6th mo. 15th, 1850.

Our friends Charles Atherton, David Rodman, George Howland, Jun., Caleb Jones, Richard Battey, Joseph H. Cole, John Meader, of Rochester, and George Richardson, are appointed to prepare a summary of the Answers to the Queries and present them to our next sitting.

The proposition contained in the Reports from Vassalboro and Fairfield Quarterly Meetings, in relation to the expenses of the Yearly Meeting claiming our attention, the same is referred to the deliberate consideration of the Representatives, to report at a future sitting.

Adjourned to 10 o'clock to-morrow morning.

Third day morning the 18th, Friends met according to adjournment. The Representatives present except two.

On entering at this time upon a consideration of the state of our religious Society as presented by the Answers to the Queries from our subordinate meetings, we were introduced into deep concern that we might be favored to discharge this interesting service of the Church under a living sense of its importance. The first Query relates specially to the discharge of our duty to our Heavenly Father, by manifesting before men our sense of our entire dependence upon Him by presenting ourselves before Him for the purpose of worshipping and adoring Him. We were very feelingly reminded of the solemn nature of this duty, and earnestly entreated to reflect upon the consequences of a neglect of it. If we love God supremely—if we really feel, as it is, our situation in His sight—that He knoweth our very thoughts—that He is omnipotent and omnipresent—that unto Him we are to give our final account, and that before Him we *must* stand—can it be possible that we shall be unwilling to render unto Him the reasonable service of assembling for His worship.

A deficiency in the due attendance of our meetings, especially in the middle of the week, continues to be apparent in the answers from all our Quarters; and the query has been pathetically raised, shall this continue with us forever? Will we not be persuaded, by the mercies of God, to render unto him the homage which is his due? Will we not commit ourselves into His holy keeping who can prosper our temporal efforts or can blast them at His will? We all need to be cleansed of the leprosy that is upon our hearts; we all need to witness the washings of the Holy Spirit; we all need a daily renewal and an increase of spiritual strength; and will we not avail ourselves of his gracious promise, that when we meet together in His name, there He will be in the midst? Will we not, under a renewed sense of our present necessities, and of the awfulness of the future that is before us, enter afresh into covenant with our God, to render unto Him the sacrifices which he is pleased to require of us? and will we not even rejoice in an opportunity to return unto Him of our *first fruits*, and not offer unto him of that which costs us nothing?

Love to God and love to the brethren go hand in hand; and we were impressively reminded that if we love not our brother whom we have seen, we shall not love God whom we have not seen. If true love one of another filled our hearts, we should be entirely preserved from all evil speaking, all detraction, all whisperings concerning one another, and with feelings of concern we should be engaged to take each other by the hand with the affectionate language, Come, brother, let us go up together to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob. The example of our predecessors in the truth, in these respects, was impressively brought into view, and the ancient command and promise pertinently revived—"Stand ye in the ways and see, and ask for the old paths, where is the good way, and walk therein, and ye shall find rest to your souls."

The right training of our precious children was feelingly dwelt upon. Parents were tenderly entreated to seek for

Divine help, to be enabled to impress upon those committed to their trust, a belief in the consistency of our religious testimonies with the truth as it is in Jesus ; that His teachings lead us out of the vanities and extravagance of the world into true simplicity ; and we were exhorted, very pathetically, to control our offspring by the power of *love*. A blessing ever rests upon the labor of parents, when thus exercised ; the tender, opening mind of the child will be thus reached ; it will not resist the trickling tear of a beloved and pious parent ; and the testimonies of truth, so important to be maintained, so beautiful in themselves, so consistent for us as Christians, and so essential to us as Friends, will not be revolting, but lovely, in the eyes of our dear young friends. The unsatisfying nature of those pursuits which lead from the garden enclosed ; the disappointment which is sure to result from gratifying those dispositions which seek for pleasure in the vanities of the world ; the remorse that follows this indulgence, and the difficulties in the way of return, were spread before us to warn and to guard ; while the effects of the *example* of parents, in its influence upon our watchful and observing children, were faithfully portrayed, and the blessing that follows a godly care in this respect was encouragingly brought into view. "I will pour my Spirit upon thy seed, and my blessing upon thine offspring ; and they shall spring up as among the grass, as willows by the water courses," and they shall not "be rooted out."

Having proceeded in the Queries to the third, inclusive, and been favored to be tendered, and we trust edified together, the Meeting adjourned to the fourth hour in the afternoon.

Afternoon, Friends again met.

The Meeting proceeded in considering the state of society, by reading the remaining queries and answers. A summary of the answers received is as follows, viz :

1st. All our meetings for worship and discipline have been duly held, except in five cases, for three of which reasons have been assigned. Those on first days have been attended

by the greater part of our members ; mid-week meetings and those for discipline are more neglected by some. The hour is nearly observed. A few cases of sleeping are noticed in nearly all the reports ; of other unbecoming behavior mostly clear. From six of the Quarters some care is reported in relation to the above deficiencies.

2d. Love and unity appear to be in a good degree maintained amongst us, and detraction mostly guarded against. There is, however, an exception made in one of the reports with respect to love and unity, in which care has been extended ; and in two others with regard to detraction. When differences arise, care is taken to end them.

3d. We believe Friends are generally careful to bring up those under their direction in plainness of speech, behavior, and apparel ; to restrain them from reading pernicious books, and from corrupt conversation. They are mostly pretty good examples herein themselves. We believe the Holy Scriptures are frequently read in most Friends' families. In all these important particulars, however, there are deficiencies acknowledged in nearly all the reports.

4th. Friends are careful to avoid the use of spirituous liquors except for medicine. There are, however, exceptions noticed in five of the reports ; in these, care has been taken. Generally clear in respect to the other parts of the Query.

5th. The circumstances of the poor have been attended to, and their necessities relieved. Their children freely partake of useful learning. Two instances have occurred of children placed out from among Friends, one of which was not under our control.

6th. It appears that Friends have been careful to maintain our testimony in these respects, except in a few instances of marrying out of the order of society, or keeping company on that account. Care was reported in most of these cases.

7th. We believe our testimonies have been maintained in these particulars, with one exception in relation to priests' wages, which is under notice.

8th. Friends are generally careful in regard to the several

particulars of this Query, with an exception mentioned in one report, in which care has been taken ; and some exceptions noticed in another with respect to settling accounts.

9th. Records appear to be regularly kept in two of the Quarters. Deficiencies, to a greater or less extent, are reported in all the others. A few cases of removals without certificates, some of which are under notice.

10th. Care is taken to deal with offenders according to the requisitions of the Query, and to place judgment according to discipline. Some deficiency, however, is acknowledged in three reports in respect to timely dealing.

The following proposition from Vassalboro' Quarterly Meeting, in relation to the Discipline, was referred to the careful consideration of the Meeting for Sufferings, that its views in relation thereto, may be presented to this Meeting next year, viz :

“A proposition came up on the minutes from Vassalboro' Monthly Meeting, for a regulation of Discipline, so that names proposed to the Select Preparative Meetings for select members, may go to the Select Quarterly Meetings before being introduced into the Monthly Meetings—which being satisfactory, this and the Women's Quarterly Meeting are united in submitting the same to the consideration of the Yearly Meeting.”

With the concurrence of the Women's Meeting, we are united in granting the request of Falmouth Quarterly Meeting, that the hour of holding their Quarterly Meeting of Ministers and Elders be changed from eleven o'clock A. M. to two o'clock P. M. of the same days on which it is now held, and the clerk is directed to furnish that Meeting with a copy of this minute.

The Committee on the removal of the Yearly Meeting made the following report, which is acceptable, and the Committee is continued and requested to report to this Meeting next year, viz :

"TO THE YEARLY MEETING :

The Committee on the removal of the Yearly Meeting report, that we have attended to our appointment from time to time, but are not prepared to make any definite report this year.

On behalf of the Committee,

LEMUEL JONES, *Clerk.*

Newport, 6th mo. 18th, 1850."

Adjourned to ten o'clock, to-morrow.

Fourth day morning, the 19th. The Meeting assembled according to adjournment. Representatives present as yesterday.

The Committee of this Yearly Meeting to confer with similar Committees of other Yearly Meetings, presented the following report, viz :

"TO NEW ENGLAND YEARLY MEETING :

The Committee appointed to meet with similar Committees from other Yearly Meetings, to confer together on the present state of our Society, report that they all met in Baltimore in the 7th month, with Committees from New York, Baltimore, North Carolina and Indiana Yearly Meetings, that we were favored to deliberate upon the important subjects of the appointment, in great harmony and entire unity, and our deliberations have resulted in preparing the accompanying document, which we herewith present.

ROWLAND GREENE,
JOHN OSBORNE,
JOHN D. LANG,
STEPHEN A. CHASE,
SAMUEL TAYLOR, Jr.
JOHN MEADER,
DAVID BUFFUM,
SAMUEL BOYCE,
SAMUEL BOYD TOBEY.

Baltimore, 7th mo. 12th, 1849.

The document referred to in the preceding report was now deliberately read, and after a season of solemn waiting, it was

fully and cordially united with, without any dissent, by a very general expression, and it is approved and adopted by this Meeting. It is as follows, viz :

“ At a meeting of the Committees of the Yearly Meetings of Friends of New York, New England, Baltimore, North Carolina and Indiana, nearly all the members present, assembled in conference at Baltimore in the seventh month, 1849, agreeably to a proposition from the Yearly Meeting of New York, united with by the other Yearly Meetings above named, to take into consideration the present tried state of our Society, and to labor for its restoration to that unity and fellowship that formerly characterized it.

On assembling for this important and solemn purpose, we were brought very humbly to crave the assistance of Him, who alone can rightly direct us in the discharge of the service confided to us ; and fervent are our petitions, that we may be favored to find access to the hearts of those for whom we are brought into deep and feeling exercise.

The promotion of the cause of our Holy Redeemer, should at all times be the paramount consideration with all his professed followers ; and the advancement of his Kingdom upon the earth, should be our prayerful, individual and collective concern. We have abundant evidence—we cannot doubt—that it was in the ordering of the Holy Head of the Church, that our forefathers in religious profession were separated from the world, and from the various sects of professing Christendom, and led to entertain those views of the purity and spirituality of the gospel dispensation by which they were distinguished.

The preservation with which our religious Society has been so eminently blessed—the spread, in the world at large, in a greater or less degree, of the benign principles which we profess, notwithstanding individual unfaithfulness in the full support of them, are comforting evidences that the Lord has been pleased to be gracious to us, and call for earnest and abiding dedication to him, and for watchfulness unto prayer, that the Enemy of the Church and of man be not suffered to

come in and destroy our goodly heritage. It is only as we keep in a humble and dependent state, looking unto the one Shepherd, whose voice may be heard, and who will protect his flock, that we can know an abiding in the fold of safety.

In a solemn review of the present situation of our beloved Society, it is sorrowfully evident that the peace, the harmony, the unity and the fellowship, which are indispensable to our prosperity and usefulness as a branch of the militant church, have been lessened and seriously interrupted ; but we humbly trust that, with the Divine blessing, it will conduce to the restoration of that harmony and love which formerly characterized Friends, for us to recur to the alone sure foundation, and to that system of church government, which in Best Wisdom has been reared thereon, and which has stood against many floods and tempests through a long series of years.

This foundation is none other than Christ Jesus, the Rock of Ages. A firm belief in Him, as our Saviour and Redeemer, as our only hope of glory and eternal blessedness, has ever been confessed by us, and full have been our acknowledgements to His Eternal Divinity—to all that He has done for us without us in that prepared body, when he came to do His Father's will—to the efficacy of His atoning sacrifice on the cross—to His ascension—His mediation and intercession for the children of men.

Nor less have we felt constrained to bear our testimony to a living, practical faith in the immediate teachings and guidance of the Holy Spirit, and to the Divine authority of the Holy Scriptures, gratefully accepting them as having been written by holy men of old as they were moved by the Holy Ghost.

These fundamental truths, and in connection therewith, our views in regard to the divine call to, the true preparation for, and the proper exercise of a living gospel ministry—the spiritual nature of the worship of God—and all those important testimonies connected with our Christian profession, have been abundantly testified to by our Society, in many solemn declarations of faith that have been from time to time set forth to the world ; and while we do not now feel called upon to en-

large upon these particulars, or to repeat those declarations of our Christian faith and doctrine, having the consoling belief that they are accepted and acknowledged by Friends throughout our religious Society, yet we earnestly desire that we may in no wise lapse into any defection herein.

Resting in the unchangeable truths of the Gospel, our worthy forefathers, under the enlightening influence of Divine Grace, early saw the necessity of that organization of meetings, and the establishment of that Christian Discipline which are essential to our preservation and prosperity ; and very full, solemn and forcible is the language of that devoted servant of Christ, George Fox, when he refers to the setting up of meetings for discipline, and the authority in which they should be held. "*They were set up by the spirit and power of the Lord God,*" and "*the power of the Lord God is the authority of your mens' and womens' meetings,*" and however high and holy may be the profession which this necessarily involves, experience has always verified the truth that it has been as they are thus held, that they have fulfilled the purposes of their establishment. In the organization of these meetings a beautiful order was introduced, consistent with the simplicity and authority of the unchangeable Truth ; an order which has proved eminently salutary and efficient in the Church. Yearly, Quarterly, Monthly and Preparative Meetings were set up, and are still continued, for the purpose of Church government, subordinate and accountable one unto another—Preparative to Monthly, Monthly to Quarterly, and Quarterly to the Yearly Meeting—the last being the highest tribunal in this Church organization, from whose decision there is no appeal, and exercising over all below it a power of supervision and control—looking to the good of the members composing them, and to the honor of Truth, and in all cases where it deems it necessary, directing their proceedings in the authority which the Truth gives.

This subordination and order remain to be essential to our preservation, and cannot be departed from. Any innovation must necessarily lead to weakness and confusion, and the

cause of Truth must suffer from it. As introduced and practised by our ancestors, they are simple and effective, for they are founded in the Truth, and derive their authority therefrom. Nor can their exercise in this authority ever prove oppressive to meetings or individuals, but strengthening and preserving.

In the history of our Society it is found that as our numbers increased, our meetings necessarily were multiplied, and additional Yearly and Subordinate meetings were established, each Yearly Meeting being independent of the other in forming and administering its own discipline, and yet all being bound together in the maintenance of the same blessed doctrines, and in the support of the same Christian testimonies; and being essentially one people, a member removing from one Yearly Meeting into another, is entitled to all the rights and privileges of the members of the Yearly Meeting into which he removes. Ministers of the Gospel, in the discharge of their high calling, when concerned to visit the Churches, are accredited in this capacity, by presenting testimonials of their being in unity as such with their friends at home, and thus, and in many other ways, the benefits of our religious compact are extended throughout the Society at large.

As a connecting link between the different Yearly Meetings—as the means of opening a channel through which a knowledge of the affairs of Truth may be made known, and by which each body may assist the others, either in the way of counsel or encouragement,—and for the comfort and edification one of another,—an epistolary correspondence was early introduced, and has been maintained by Yearly Meetings in the openings of Truth at their annual convocations;—a practice which has been so evidently owned and blessed by the Holy Head of the Church, that it cannot be discontinued without seriously affecting the welfare of society.

We are deeply impressed with the conviction that any continued departure from the usages of our religious society in the particulars to which we have now briefly adverted, cannot fail to be productive of very serious consequences, and on ac-

count of the painful circumstances that have been presented to us, we feel bound to bear a solemn testimony more specifically in relation to some of these subjects.

This Conference is united in the belief that it is essential for us clearly to understand, and inviolably to sustain, the rights that belong to distinct Yearly Meetings. It cannot be questioned, that if a Yearly Meeting should manifest unsoundness in Christian faith; if it should promulgate views inconsistent with the principles professed by Friends; or should not maintain our Christian testimonies; that it may then become the duty of the other Yearly Meetings to extend to it brotherly entreaty or admonition for its restoration. But in the exercise of those functions which legitimately and exclusively belong to itself, as the forming or administering of its own discipline, any interference by another Yearly Meeting, or attempt to control its action in these respects, would be an infraction of our established order, and fraught with consequences perilous to the whole brotherhood of Yearly Meetings, against which we feel solemnly bound to bear our testimony.

An abridgment of the rights of members by refusing to receive credentials issued by the meetings in another Yearly Meeting, except for causes provided for in Discipline, is subversive of the established order of society. On the other hand, any attempt on the part of a meeting to confer upon individuals privileges which they have forfeited in their own meeting, or to sustain them in assumed rights to which they are not entitled, cannot fail to produce confusion, and to disturb the harmony of Friends.

We desire most earnestly, but affectionately, to urge Friends everywhere solemnly to reflect upon these things, and where there has been any departure from the long established order of our religious society, under whatever pretext, that they pause, and endeavor to realize the effects that must inevitably result therefrom. It is not to be expected that the great body of Friends can long remain passive, if important and vital

practices and usages of our society, which are essential to our prosperity as a people, are neglected or violated.

It is the united sense and judgment of this conference, that wherever there has been a departure from the usages to which we have adverted, where Yearly Meetings have refused to correspond with, or to receive the official communications addressed to them by other Yearly Meetings, that harmony and unity cannot be restored without a return to our established order and usages.

Most affectionately do we desire to press these considerations upon Friends: the consequences are momentous; and earnestly do we crave that the blessed Head of the Church may be pleased to grant that our brotherly entreaties, offered in that love which desires the good and preservation of all, may be received and heeded; that the breaches may be healed; and that in the love and fellowship of the Gospel, we may be favored to walk together in the Light of the Lord.

To all our dear friends, wherever situated, who feel themselves placed under circumstances of peculiar trial, in consequence of the present difficulties in our beloved society, we would offer the expression of our tender sympathy, and the words of brotherly encouragement to be patient under their present sufferings and manifold discouragements, and not to seek in their own will and time for an escape before the Lord be pleased to open a way for their relief. If you cannot always rejoice in hope, yet endeavor to be "patient in tribulation, continuing instant in prayer"; "constantly endure, and make not haste in the time of trouble." Let nothing weaken your attachment to the cause of Christ, or your adherence to those precious principles and testimonies which have been handed down to us from our forefathers in the Truth; and be very careful, we tenderly entreat you, that none of these things which surround you, draw away your attention from the work of the Lord in your own hearts. Take heed to the convictions of the Holy Spirit, and be faithful to his teachings, "that you may grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ."

“He that dwelleth in the secret place of the Most High, shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty.” “Because thou hast made the Lord, which is my refuge, even the Most High, thy habitation, there shall no evil befall thee, neither shall any plague come nigh thy dwelling.”

Whilst we have been deeply concerned for the welfare of our own members, we have not been unmindful of those in different Yearly Meetings, who have separated themselves from their brethren. Towards these we have felt drawn in much tenderness, with earnest desires for their good. And we are engaged affectionately to encourage Friends in all their different meetings, to cultivate towards them feelings of true Christian forbearance and love, that if it shall please the blessed Head of the Church to draw their hearts to return to us, the arms of Friends may be open to receive them into the fellowship and unity of the church, that we may be permitted to rejoice in the experience of that day when we can all take sweet counsel together, and go up in company to the house of the Lord.

And now, beloved friends, everywhere, with feelings of tenderness and affectionate regard under a grateful sense of the goodness of our Heavenly Father, in condescending to be near us on this interesting and solemn occasion, contriving our hearts together, and bringing us very near to each other in unity and love, we “commend you to God, and the word of His grace, which is able to build you up, and to give you an inheritance among all them which are sanctified.”

Signed by direction and on behalf of the Conference,

ELIJAH COFFIN, *Clerk.*

Baltimore, Md., 12th of 7th month, 1849.”

The meeting for sufferings is requested to take such care in relation to the publishing and distributing this important document, as it may deem proper, and the clerk is authorized to sign, on our behalf, the minute of this meeting, adopting it, to be affixed to it when printed. The several Yearly Meetings that have heretofore appointed committees to meet in

conference, having continued them under appointment, and it being proposed by New York Yearly Meeting, that there should be a meeting held in Baltimore on the first second day of the fifth month, 1851—this meeting is united with the proposition, and we continue the same Friends now under appointment, to unite in this conference, and to move therein as way may open for it in the Truth, and report to this meeting next year.

The Representatives to whom was referred the proposition from Vassalboro' and Fairfield Quarterly Meetings, relative to the expenses of this Meeting, made the following Report, which is satisfactory to us, viz :

“TO THE YEARLY MEETING :

The Representatives to whom was referred the propositions from Vassalborough and Fairfield Quarterly Meetings, having met and conferred together on the subjects referred to them, are united in proposing, that the provision heretofore made for members of this Yearly Meeting be discontinued, and that our Quarterly Meetings be recommended to render assistance to their members, who may need it, when they feel disposed to attend the Yearly Meeting.

On behalf of the Representatives,

LEMUEL JONES.

Newport, Sixth Mo. 18th, 1850.”

The Committee to settle with the Treasurer, made the following Report, viz :

“TO THE YEARLY MEETING :

The Committee to settle with the Treasurer, Report, that we have attended to our appointment and find a balance in his hands of ninety-seven dollars and forty-eight cents, and would propose that the sum of two thousand dollars be raised the coming year, and propose the name of David Buffum for Treasurer.

On behalf of the Committee :

PEREZ PECK.

Newport, Sixth Mo. 19th, 1850.”

—which is satisfactory, and David Buffum is accordingly appointed Treasurer—and the several Quarterly Meetings are requested to raise and forward to him their respective proportions of two thousand dollars—the sum proposed to be raised.

Adjourned to 5 o'clock this afternoon.

Afternoon—Friends again met.

The Committee on the joint concern of this and New York Yearly Meeting, in relation to the Indians located west of the Mississippi, made the following Report, viz :

“TO THE YEARLY MEETING :

The Committee on the joint concern of this and New York Yearly Meetings, for the Indians located west of the Mississippi, Report, That as no opening has presented for any action of the Committee on their behalf, since our last report ; and as New York Yearly Meeting has discharged its Committee, we recommend that this Committee be discharged also.

On behalf of the Committee,

JOHN HOWLAND.

Newport, Sixth Mo. 19th, 1850.

—which is satisfactory, and our Committee is released from further service, under its present appointment—but being introduced into a feeling of sympathy and commiseration for the interesting objects of our concern—we now appoint our friends Lindley M. Hoag, John D. Lang, Samuel Taylor, Jr. Richard Battey, George Howland, Jr. Lemuel Jones, Caleb Jones, Nathan Breed of Lynn, Gilbert Congdon, Stephen Dillingham, Benjamin H. Jones and George Bowen, to give such attention to this subject as way may open for, and report to this Meeting next year.

A Testimony of Providence Monthly Meeting, approved by Rhode-Island Quarterly Meeting, concerning our late beloved friend, Anna A. Jenkins—also one of Greenwich Monthly Meeting, approved by Rhode-Island Quarterly Meeting, respecting our late beloved friend, Thomas Howland, were

read at this time, and being satisfactory to this Meeting, it is directed that they be recorded.

Adjourned to 4 o'clock to-morrow afternoon.

Fifth day afternoon the 20th. The Meeting assembled pursuant to adjournment—Representatives present as yesterday.

The Records of the Meeting for sufferings for the past year were now read, and the proceedings of that Meeting in relation to the various subjects that have claimed its attention are satisfactory to this Meeting, and approved—and the Friends now under appointment are continued to constitute a Meeting for sufferings for the ensuing year, to act on our behalf, in relation to any subject that may come before it affecting the welfare of our religious Society, according to the original organization and establishment of that Meeting.

The Committee of this Meeting, on Education, presented the following Report, which is interesting and satisfactory, and the Committee is continued and encouraged to attend to the important objects of its original appointment, and Samuel Austin and David Rodman are added to the Committee in place of our friends Gilbert Congdon and Nathan Breed, now appointed on the School Committee—and Albert C. Buffum in place of Peter M. Neal, removed from within the limits of Berwick Monthly Meeting.

“TO THE YEARLY MEETING :

The Committee on Education Report that we have given some attention to the duties of our appointment, but way has not opened for much service. We have collected statistics from all the Monthly Meetings, from which we compile the following summary, to wit :

No. of Children between the ages of 4 and 6,	1288
“ Children between the ages of 16 and 21,	553
“ Monthly Meeting schools,	1
“ Preparative Meeting schools,	2
“ Family schools,	13

No.	Children attending Friends' schools,	230
"	Children attending Mixed schools,	1335
"	Schools taught by men Friends,	35
"	Schools taught by women Friends,	54

It appears from the above account that there has been but little addition to the number of select schools since our last report, yet the Committee are encouraged to hope that there is an increasing interest in *home culture*, and we believe that wherever concerned parents, in humble dependence on the Divine blessing, and in a manner calculated to strengthen mutual love and confidence, have endeavored to discharge their duty to their children in this respect, that the tendency has been to counteract the unfavorable influences of Mixed schools. Should this Committee be continued or a similar one appointed, we hope that an increased concern may be felt for our children and that care will be taken that books setting forth the principles and doctrines of our Society be placed within the reach of those who are destitute and in scattered locations, and that parents be encouraged to acquaint their children with their contents. Two meetings of the Committee have been held during the present week, which were largely attended, and in which much interest was manifested in promoting the object of our appointment, and parents were urged to diligence in the use of all right means to discharge their responsible trust—seeking His blessing who said “Suffer little children to come unto me and forbid them not.”

Signed by direction of the Committee,

GEO. RICHARDSON, *Clerk.*

Newport, 6th mo. 19th, 1850.”

[Committee on Education—Moses H. Beede, Jethro F. Mitchell, Timothy C. Collins, Benjamin Greene, Jarvis Shove, Thomas S. Gifford, James Dennis, Jonathan Freeborn, Abel F. Collins, Moses Huntington, Jr. Newell Ordway, Herrod Chase, Joshua Page, Charles R. Tucker, Newell Hoxie, Ebenezer Wing, William Mitchell, Abraham R. Wing, George Almy, George W. Frances, John Macomber, Adrian Davis, Cal-

vin Shepard, Moses F. Rogers, Abraham Winslow, Joshua Cobb, Nathan Pope, Henry M. Minot, Lemuel Jones of Windham, Nathan Douglass, Arnold Aldrich, 2d. Thomas Grover, Paul Wing, John E. Fry, David Badcock, Moses Taber, Thomas B. Nichols, Lot Jones, Joseph Taber, Asa Jones, Benjamin Fry, Stephen Beede, Walter Sawyer, Benjamin H. Jones, Joseph Taylor, George Richardson, William Farr, Jacob Pope, Daniel R. Bailey, David Douglas, Daniel Shepherd, David Kelly, Stephen Dillingham, Joseph S. Nichols, Josiah Holmes, Jr. Solomon R. Knowles, William R. Taber, Henry T. Wood, Samuel Austin, David Rodman, and Albert C. Buffum.]

The Committee to which was referred the Report of the School Committee, made the following Report, viz :

“TO THE YEARLY MEETING :

The Committee of Men and Women Friends, appointed to consider of the suggestions contained in the Report of the School Committee and any other subjects connected with the interests of the School, have had the same under consideration, and are united in proposing to the Yearly Meeting—that the price for board and tuition in the School the present year, commencing with the now current term, for members of other Yearly Meetings, be restored to the price formerly charged, viz : fifty dollars per Term.

That the price of Board and Tuition for children, members of our Yearly Meeting, for the ensuing year, be Thirty Dollars per Term—and for children not members, one or both of whose parents are members, be Forty-five Dollars per Term, and that the same price be charged for any others who may be admitted. Five dollars per term additional charge, being made in all cases for instruction in the languages.

That the amount to be appropriated the coming year, for free board and tuition, be restricted to the amount of the income of the charitable fund. Monthly Meetings to send forward to the School Committee, at their meetings in the 9th

and 3d months, the names and ages of such children, within their limits, as they may think suitable to receive the benefit of the fund, and any other information regarding them which may aid the School Committee—and the children to be received are to be selected by that Committee. The conditions of the bequest of the principal part of the charitable fund being, in the words of the donor, "For the Schooling of such members of the Society as are actually poor, supported or not as such by the respective Monthly Meetings. Females to have equal advantages of the whole of the legacy as males."

On behalf of the Committee,

STEPHEN A. CHASE.

Newport, Sixth Mo. 20th, 1850."

—which is satisfactory to the Meeting, and the Clerk is directed to forward it with the Report of the School Committee to our subordinate Meetings.

The same Committee also proposed the names of the following friends to constitute a committee for the superintendence and direction of the Boarding School for the ensuing year —which are satisfactory to this meeting and they are appointed accordingly and requested to report next year, viz :

Samuel Boyd Tobey, Joseph Metcalf, Stephen A. Chase, Samuel Boyce, George Howland, jr., William C. Taber, Lemuel Jones, Caleb Jones, John Osborne, Edward Earle, John D. Lang, Alton Pope, Benajah Buffum, Tobias Meader, Alden Sampson, Samuel Taylor, jr., Rowland Greene, David Buffum, William A. Robinson, Gilbert Congdon, Gideon C. Smith, Nathan Breed of Lynn, David K. Aiken, George Howland.

[Women's Committee.—Eunice Metcalf, Sarah F. Tobey, Olivia C. Oliver, Sophronia Page, Rhoda Howland, jr., Mercy K. Wing, Lydia H. Jones, Jane C. Minot, Mary B. Farnum, Elizabeth A. Osborne, Ann Elmira Lang, Theodate S. Pope, Hannah G. Sawyer, Phebe H. Meader, Lucy J. Hawkes, Lydia Taylor, Eliza B. Boyce, Ann B. Earle, Lydia R. Kelly, Anna T. Dennis, Rachel S. Howland, Mary E. Breed, Susan Howland, Mary Williams.]

The Committee on the concern of this meeting for the Penobscot and Passamquaddy Tribes of Indians made the following Report, viz :

“TO NEW ENGLAND YEARLY MEETING OF FRIENDS :

The Committee having charge of the concern of this Meeting for the improvement of the condition of the Penobscot and Passamquaddy Indians, report—

That the objects of our appointment have from time to time claimed our attention and awakened desires to render ourselves helpful in some way, though circumstances have prevented their being visited at their homes by the committee the past year. But as many of them are in the practice of roving from place to place, some of them have occasionally been met with by members of the committee, and such opportunities have been improved to mingle in familiar and we think profitable converse with them. And although the failure of their crops for several years past has in some measure tended to discourage them in attending to agricultural pursuits as much as in former years, yet we are encouraged in the belief that there is some improvement in their general habits and particularly in abstaining from intoxicating drinks.

Newport, 6th mo. 20th, 1850.

STEPHEN JONES, Jr. } on behalf of the
Committee.”

—which is satisfactory and the committee is continued under appointment, and we desire their encouragement to embrace every opening that may be presented to exert a salutary influence over those interesting objects of our concern.

We are informed by the Clerk of the Yearly Meeting of Ministers and Elders, that our beloved friends John and Elizabeth Meader have been liberated for the performance of religious service in Great Britain and Ireland, and if way opens for it on some parts of the continent of Europe.

Whereupon we appoint our friends Samuel Boyd Tobey, William C. Taber, Perez Peck, David Buffum and John Osborne to render any advice and assistance on the part of this meeting that may be desirable for them in their contemplated visit.

In the account from Smithfield we are informed that Benjamin Wheeler wishes to be released from his appointment as correspondent of Uxbridge Monthly Meeting—whereupon we appoint Edward Earle of Worcester to supply his place.

In the Epistle addressed to this Meeting from Indiana, we are informed that “the following friends are appointed correspondents to sign certificates, minutes, &c.

Ashley Johnson for West Union Monthly Meeting in White Lick Quarter—address Monrovia, Morgan Co., Indiana.

Samuel P. Haviland for Greenwich Monthly Meeting in Alum Creek Quarter—address Greenwich, Huron Co., Ohio.

Micajah Johnson for Miami Monthly Meeting, Miami Quarter, in the place of James Smith deceased—address Waynesville, Warren Co., Ohio.

Change the address of Eleazer Hiatt for Chester Monthly Meeting, White Water Quarter, to Chester, Wayne Co. Ind’a.”

A Testimony of Salem Monthly Meeting approved by the Quarterly Meeting, concerning our late beloved friend Henry Chace and his wife Betsy Chace—also one of Weare Monthly Meeting approved by Salem Quarterly Meeting, concerning our late beloved friend Ruth Osborne, and likewise one of New Bedford Monthly Meeting approved by Sandwich Quarterly Meeting, concerning our late beloved friend Mary Card, were at this time read and being satisfactory, it is directed that they be recorded.

The Committee on the Correspondence is requested to prepare suitable returning minutes for our beloved friends from other Yearly Meetings now in attendance of this meeting, and present them to our next sitting.

Adjourned to 9 o'clock, to-morrow morning.

According to adjournment the Meeting again assembled on sixth day morning the 21st. Representatives present as yesterday.

A Testimony of Unity Monthly Meeting, approved by Vassalboro' Quarterly Meeting, concerning our late beloved friend John Warren, was read and being satisfactory to this Meeting,

it is directed that it be recorded—and believing that the publication of the memorials presented to this Meeting the present year together with such as have been heretofore received since the last publication was ordered, may tend to usefulness, the Meeting for Sufferings is requested to attend to the subject, and cause such number to be printed, as may be deemed desirable.

Essays of Epistles to our brethren of the Yearly Meetings of London, Dublin, Philadelphia, New York, Baltimore, North Carolina, Ohio and Indianna, were produced to this Meeting by the Committee on Correspondence, and being approved, the Clerk is directed to sign them on our behalf and forward them to those Meetings respectively.

The Clerk is directed to sign on our behalf the following Minute for our friend Richard Mott, and similar ones for our friends Thomas Willis, Nathaniel Sands and Anna Thornburgh, viz :

“ Our beloved friend Richard Mott attended this meeting. His company and religious services have been truly acceptable to us.”

The Clerk is directed to sign on our behalf the following Minute for our friend Richard Carpenter, and similar ones for our friends Micajah C. Binford and Lydia Bell, viz :

“ Our beloved friend Richard Carpenter attended this Meeting. His company and solid deportment have been truly acceptable and satisfactory to us.”

The Clerk is requested to cause 3,000 copies of the Minutes of this Meeting the present year to be printed and forwarded to the several Quarterly Meetings, for the use of Friends.

The Clerk is authorized to make any necessary extracts from our Minutes not already provided for, and sign them on our behalf.

The present Yearly Meeting having been a season of favor,

in which, as we gratefully and humbly believe, we have witnessed the blessed Head of the Church to be near to preserve and direct us—being closely united together in love—and the various concerns claiming our attention having been satisfactorily disposed of; we now conclude, proposing to meet again at this place at the usual time next year, if our Heavenly Father so permit.

Signed on behalf of the Meeting,

SAMUEL BOYD TOBEY,

Clerk this Year.

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At the Yearly Meeting of Friends for New-England, held on Rhode-Island, commencing with public meetings for worship at Newport and Portsmouth, on first day, the 15th, and at Newport for discipline, on second day morning, the 16th of sixth month, 1851.—

By the Reports received from our Quarterly Meetings, it appears that the following Friends have been appointed Representatives to this meeting, viz :

FROM RHODE-ISLAND—Thomas Anthony, Rowland Greene, Perez Peck, Jacob H. Vining, Joseph Metcalf, David Buffum, Samuel Boyd Tobey, Timothy C. Collins, William A. Robinson and Ellis Gifford.

SALEM—Stephen A. Chace, Estes Newhall, Samuel Boyce, Moses Huntington, Jr., Nathan Breed, of Lynn, and Thomas W. Thorndike.

SANDWICH—Edmund Gardner, Isaac R. Gifford, Moses F. Rogers, John Howland, Joseph Wing, William Mitchell, Stephen Allen and Stephen Dillingham.

FALMOUTH—Thomas Jones, Lemuel Jones, Nathan Douglas, Nathan Pope, John W. Minot, Abraham Winslow and Caleb Jones.

SMITHFIELD—Jacob Grover, Joel Marsh, Rowland Rathbun, Smith Battey, Charles Hadwen, James N. Fry and John E. Fry.

VASSALBORO—Joseph H. Cole, Edmund Cates, John Worth, Stephen Jones, Alton Pope, Clement Rackliff, Edmund Whitehouse, Elisha Jones, Moses Taber and Josiah Jones.

DOVER—Lindley Murray Hoag, Tobias Meader, Jacob K. Purington, Samuel Dennis and Benajah Buffum.

FAIRFIELD—Elijah Pope, Frederic Swan, Samuel Taylor, Jr. David Douglas, Winslow Hawkes, Joseph Taylor and David Dudley—

whose names being called, they were all present except one, for whose absence a sufficient reason was assigned.

We have at this meeting the acceptable company of our beloved friends, Benjamin Seeböhm and Robert Lindsey, from Great-Britain, whose certificates, from their respective meetings, were read in this meeting in the year 1847, and duly minuted. These documents were again read at this time and are truly satisfactory to us.

Having at this meeting the acceptable company of our beloved friends Daniel Wood, of Alum Creek Monthly Meeting in the State of Ohio,—James Owen, of Honey Creek Monthly Meeting, Indiana,—James Jordan, of Amawalk Monthly Meeting, New-York,—Anna Adams, of Baltimore Monthly Meeting, Sarah C. Hawxhurst and Deborah C. Hinsdale, of New-York Monthly Meeting,—Abigail F. Cornell, of Butternuts Monthly Meeting, and of Rachel Hathaway, of Greenwich Monthly Meeting, in the State of Ohio,—satisfactory testimonials from their respective meetings were read, expressive of unity with them as Ministers, and with their present religious engagements.

We have also the acceptable company of our beloved friend Caleb Hathaway, of Greenwich Monthly Meeting, who accompanies his wife Rachel Hathaway,—Simon D. Harvey, of Miami Monthly Meeting, companion to our friend Daniel Wood,—Jonathan Butler, of Honey Creek Monthly Meeting, companion to our friend James Owen,—and of Maria Willetts, from New-York Monthly Meeting, companion to our friend Deborah C. Hinsdale. Satisfactory testimonials from their respective meetings were received and read.

The printed General Epistle from the Yearly Meeting of London, held in 1850, was read in this meeting and was satisfactory and edifying to us; and, with a desire that the instructive counsel and doctrine contained therein may be received by Friends generally within our limits, we appoint our friends William C. Taber and Samuel Boyce, to cause 3500 copies to be reprinted and forwarded in due proportion to our several Quarterly Meetings, and draw on the Treasurer of this Meeting for the cost.

Interesting and truly acceptable epistles have been received from our brethren of London Yearly Meeting addressed to us in 1850, and also at their recent meeting the present year, and from our dear friends of Dublin, New-York, Baltimore, North-Carolina and Indiana Yearly Meetings. These renewed evidences of sympathy and love have been very comforting and strengthening to us at this time, and we appoint the following friends to prepare essays of communications to these several Yearly Meetings as way may open for it, and present them to a future sitting, viz. : Charles Atherton, Rowland Greene, Stephen A. Chase, Samuel Boyce, Samuel Boyd Tobey, Jacob H. Vining, John D. Lang, David Buffum, John Howland, Benjamin H. Jones, Thomas Anthony, Newell Hoxie, Thomas S. Gifford, William C. Taber, Daniel Taber, Lemuel Jones, Perez Peck, Joseph H. Cole, John E. Fry, Caleb Jones, Samuel Taylor, Jr., David Rodman, Joseph Taylor, Edmund Cates, Alden Sampson, David K. Aikin, George Howland, Lindley M. Hoag, Thomas W. Thorndike, Joseph Metcalf, David Dudley, Moses Huntington, Jr., John Osborne, Isaac R. Gifford, James Jones, William S. Perry, Gilbert Congdon, Nathan Douglass, Benajah Buffum, and Stephen Jones.

We are again brought to regret that we have received no epistle from our friends of Philadelphia and Ohio Yearly Meetings, but still feeling tenderly drawn towards them in brotherly love, the Committee above appointed are requested solidly to take the subject into consideration, and if way opens for it, prepare and present essays of communications to those meetings.

By the reports received from our Quarterly Meetings it appears, that *Rhode-Island* has united with South-Kingstown Monthly Meeting in approving the public appearances in the ministry of Timothy C. Collins ; with Rhode-Island Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Jonathan Dame and Mary Williams to the station of Elders, and with Swanzey Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Ruth B. Buffinton to the same station ; that *Salem* has united with Weare Monthly Meeting in approving the public appearances in the ministry of John

Page; that *Sandwich* has united with Sandwich Monthly Meeting in approving the public appearances of Mercy K. Wing, and of Elizabeth Dillingham in the ministry; that *Falmouth* has united with Windham Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Ezekiel Varney to the station of an Elder, with Limington in approving the public appearances and gift in the ministry of John Cartland, with Falmouth in the appointment of Lydia Winslow to the station of an Elder, and with Durham Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Joshua Douglass and Jesse Crossman to the same station; that *Vassalboro* has united with Vassalboro Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Joseph H. Cole to the station of an Elder, and with Unity Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Martha E. Pratt to the same station; that *Dover* has united with Dover Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Edward Lock to the station of an Elder, and with Sandwich in approving the public appearances in the ministry of Mary Hoag. Smithfield Quarterly Meeting informs that it has laid down Richmond Monthly Meeting, and attached the members thereof to Uxbridge Monthly Meeting.

All the Quarterly Meetings except Dover, report that they have directed the several proportions of stock called for by this meeting last year, to be paid to our Treasurer; and by one of the Representatives from Dover we are informed that their Treasurer had been directed to pay to ours their quota of stock.

Adjourned to 4 o'clock this afternoon.

Afternoon—The meeting convened pursuant to adjournment.

Rowland Greene on behalf of the Representatives, informed the meeting that they had conferred together, and were united in proposing Samuel Boyd Tobey for Clerk, and Stephen A. Chase for Assistant Clerk for the ensuing year, which is approved, and they are appointed accordingly.

The Records of this Meeting for last year were now read.

An epistle from the Yearly Meeting of London last year addressed to its junior members, was received and read, and believing that the valuable advice contained therein may be useful to the members of this Yearly Meeting, especially to those in the earlier walks of life, we affectionately commend it

to their attention, and direct 4500 copies reprinted for distribution, and our friends William C. Taber and Samuel Boyce are requested to attend to this service and draw on our Treasurer for the expense.

Accompanying the Epistle received from our brethren of Dublin Yearly Meeting the present year, was "an Epistle of tender counsel to Friends in Ireland from the Committee separated by the Yearly Meeting held in Dublin in 1850, to visit the Quarterly and other Meetings belonging thereto," which was now read, and its contents are truly acceptable and edifying to us; and in order to give all our members an opportunity of perusing it, the Clerk is directed to cause it to be appended to the printed Minutes of this Meeting the present year.

Our friends William A. Robinson, Micajah C. Pratt, George Howland, Jr., Joshua Douglas, John E. Fry, William Taber, Samuel Dennis and Alden Sampson are appointed to examine and settle the Treasurer's account, propose a suitable sum to be raised by this Meeting the present year, and the name of a friend for Treasurer.

Our friends Gilbert Congdon, Nathan Breed, William C. Taber, Lemuel Jones, John Osborne, Joseph H. Cole, Benajah Buffum and Joseph Taylor, are appointed to prepare a summary of the Answers to the Queries received at this time and present it to our next sitting.

Adjourned to 10 o'clock to-morrow morning.

Third day morning, the 17th, the Meeting assembled according to adjournment. The Representatives present except three, for whose absence satisfactory reasons are assigned.

The Meeting entered upon a consideration of the state of society by reading the Queries and the Answers received from our several Quarterly Meetings—and in this engagement we were dipped into close exercise on account of the deficiencies that continue to be reported to us in giving an honest account of our spiritual health.

The obvious and imperative duty of meeting together for the worship of our Almighty Father in Heaven—our Creator and our Preserver—still appears to be neglected by many of

those who profess our name and are members of our religious Society. Very affecting to us has been the reflection that, while we all acknowledge that we are responsible unto God—that to him we are to render an account for all the blessings that He has conferred upon us—that it is from Him and Him alone that every good thing comes—that in Him we live and move and have our being—that he continues us at His own good pleasure upon His footstool and that he will sever the slender thread of life whenever it pleaseth Him—any should be neglectful of the reasonable service of assembling themselves together to wait upon Him—to worship and adore Him. From whence arises this fearful neglect of duty? Is it the love of the world? If any man love the world the love of the Father is not in him. Are we willing to forego the benefit to be derived from waiting upon God? from communing with our own hearts before Him and seeking unto Him for His blessing? Dependent, wholly dependent upon Him, shall we not in the ability which he may be pleased to give, render unto Him the homage which is His due? Very gracious is the promise of our Lord that He would be with those, however few in number, who are gathered together in His name. Will we not in abasedness and brokenness of heart, unworthy as we may feel ourselves to be of such transcendent mercy, seek to witness this blessing to ourselves—even of knowing Christ our adorable Savior, to be with us and through His Holy Spirit strengthening us and enabling us to pray unto our Heavenly Father—helping our infirmities and making intercessions for us. The Query was pathetically raised, how shall this leprosy be cleansed? What is the remedy to be applied? And it was feelingly pressed home, upon friends individually, to return to their first love, if any have become estranged therefrom, and then seek to discharge their whole duty to their delinquent brethren—that the blood of none may rest in their skirts. Each one was encouraged to increased faithfulness, not only by example but by precept, to do all that the Lord requires at his hands to remove these painful deficiencies. An honest concern on the part of those who have been favored to be partakers of the love

of God in Christ Jesus—whose hearts are filled with a sense of His mercy and His goodness—as it is faithfully attended to in relation to those who like themselves are wholly dependent upon this mercy, will be blessed, and there will be an increased engagement on the part of all to meet together to worship God—and the waste places in Zion be restored. The inspired Apostle thus invoked the early members of the church :—“I beseech you therefore brethren by the mercies of God that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God.” So is this meeting now engaged most fervently to exhort every member of our religious society.

“Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment ; and the second is like unto it, thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself.” A neglect of the first and great commandment necessarily leads to deficiency in the observance of the second, for they are inseparable. If we truly love our Heavenly Father, we cannot fail to love our brother. As we are sensible that God for Christ’s sake hath forgiven us, we shall be ready to forgive even those who we may believe have trespassed against us. The prayer will be constantly borne upon our hearts, “forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.” When our hearts are filled with the love of Christ, it will flow in freeness to our brethren—all distraction and evil speaking will be done away—the tongue will be chained from expressing any evil one of another, but under the influence of restoring love we shall be engaged for the healing of those that are overtaken in a fault, in the spirit of meekness, considering ourselves lest we also be tempted.

The right training of our precious children was felt to be a concern of vital importance. In very early life should this work be begun and perseveringly continued, looking unto the Lord for a blessing upon it. Early misplaced parental indulgence produces effects not only injurious to the child, but destructive of the peace of the parent. Eli of old was condemned because he did not restrain his sons, while of the patriarch Abraham the Lord said, “I know him, that he will command

his children and his household after him, and they shall keep the way of the Lord to do justice and judgment." An earnest concern was manifested that parents might discharge their whole duty to their children—that they might endeavor early to imbue their tender minds with a love of the Truth, taking them with them to our religious meetings, both on first days and in the middle of the week, and instructing them in the purpose for which we assemble. The reading of the Holy Scriptures in our families daily was earnestly recommended and that this be done not in a hasty or formal manner, but with hearts reverently turned unto Him who gave them forth through his inspired servants, that He would be pleased to open to their understandings the sacred truths contained in them, and which are able to make wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus.

Having proceeded with the Queries to the third inclusive, and been favored to be closely united and tendered together, the meeting adjourned to the 4th hour this afternoon.

Afternoon—met by adjournment.

The consideration of the state of society was resumed and concluded by reading the remaining Queries and Answers.

The several important subjects brought into view claimed the solid consideration of the meeting. That of our friends connecting themselves in marriage with those who are not members of our religious society was felt to be a matter of deep interest, affecting our welfare as a religious community as well as the individual domestic relations thus involved. When there is a unity in religious views, where parents are alike concerned for their children, and unitedly engaged to train them in the nurture and admonition of the Lord, their counsel will prove much more effective than where there is a diversity of sentiment in these respects. We were earnestly exhorted ever to remember that marriage should not be considered merely a civil contract, whatever civil relations it may involve, but a divine institution of the highest importance to man, having the sanction of the Divine Lawgiver—and our young friends were tenderly entreated to seek for divine direction in entering into

this most solemn and interesting connection, and carefully to observe our preserving discipline in all their proceedings.

The subject of the faithful maintenance of our well known testimony against Slavery, also claimed the very weighty consideration of this meeting. Friends were feelingly encouraged not to relax in their faithfulness in the support of this important religious concern. We are sensible that under the present laws of our General Government, our members may be sometimes involved in circumstances of great embarrassment. It has ever been a fundamental principle with Friends to manifest on all occasions that we are practical followers of the Prince of Peace ; of Him who testified "My Kingdom is not of this world, else would my servants fight." We have also ever declared and at all times demonstrated that we cannot *resist* the laws of our temporal rulers, but passively submit to their penalties when they conflict with the paramount laws of our Holy Redeemer. Thus our predecessors were often subjected to severe sufferings and even to the privation of life to preserve a conscience void of offence towards God ; and it is the concern of this meeting to encourage our friends quietly to endure any suffering that may be brought upon them in the observance of that universal law and command of Christ, "All things whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them." Be not moved by the commotion and excitements of the present day ; be firm and unflinching in your allegiance to Christ ; in patience and in quietness possess ye your souls. While steadily observing the golden rule of our Divine Master, be not betrayed by feelings of sympathy for the oppressed into any compromise of our principles of peace, but if suffering is involved, endure it patiently, manifesting to all that you are actuated by the spirit of Christ, which condemns violence in every form, and leads its humble votaries in the way of quietness and peace. In the passive endurance of sufferings you may be effectively instrumental in awakening the sympathies of our rulers for those that are bound as well as for those that are seeking to escape from bondage, and in hastening the coming of that day when every yoke shall be broken, and the oppressed go free.

The following is a summary of the answers received, viz :

1st. All our meetings for religious worship and discipline have been attended except seven small ones, which omissions were chiefly occasioned by sickness and inclement weather.—Those on first days are attended generally by most of our members ; mid-week meetings and those for discipline are more neglected by some, and one account states that a few members have wholly left the attendance of their meetings. The hour is nearly observed. A few instances of sleeping are reported in the accounts from all the Quarterly Meetings—generally clear of other unbecoming behavior. Some care is reported in most of the accounts.

2d. Love and unity are maintained by most Friends, yet exceptions are noticed in many of the answers. Detraction is mostly guarded against—when differences have arisen endeavors have been used to end them.

3d. There appears to be a good degree of care with Friends to bring up those under their direction in plainness—to restrain them from pernicious reading, and from corrupt conversation—yet exceptions are noticed in several of the accounts. Most Friends are exemplary themselves—the Holy Scriptures appear to be frequently read in Friends' families.

4th. In the use of spirituous liquors except for medicine, two accounts are without exceptions. In one Quarterly Meeting one case, in another, two cases, and in the others, very few in each are reported—some of which are under notice. A few instances of attending places of public resort, in which some care is taken. Moderation and temperance appear to be maintained on the occasions referred to.

5th. The circumstances of the poor are attended to. Four children have been placed out from among Friends, two of whom were not subject to our control.

6th. There appears to be some deficiency in regard to this Query reported in the answers from all our Quarterly Meetings except one. Some care has been taken.

7th. Friends are concerned to maintain our testimony against the payment of Priests' wages, except one instance reported of

contributing to the support of a hireling ministry, which is under notice. Clear with respect to the other particulars of this Query, except in a few instances of a military nature reported in two of the answers which are under notice.

8th. Friends are generally clear in the several parts of this Query, excepting some neglect in the settlement of accounts reported from one Quarterly Meeting, and some care taken.

9th. Marriages are all recorded. Births, deaths and burials not fully so. A few instances of removals without certificates are reported in the answers from all the Quarterly Meetings except one, some of which are under notice.

10th. Care has been taken to deal with offenders in good measure as Queried after, with some exceptions in regard to timely dealing reported in three of the answers—and to place judgment according to discipline.

Our beloved friend Benjamin Seeböhm, who, with our beloved friend Robert Lindsey, has now visited most of the meetings of this Yearly Meeting, informed us that they apprehended the time had now nearly come when they believed they should be released from this field of labor, and permitted to return to their dear families and friends at home. Their gospel services having been truly acceptable and edifying to us, our friends Samuel Boyd Tobey, Stephen A. Chase, Eli Jones, Rowland Greene, Lindley M. Hoag, Stephen Jones, John Osborne, Samuel Boyce, Samuel Taylor, Jr., David Buffum and John D. Lang, are appointed to prepare suitable certificates on their behalf expressive of the sense of this meeting, and present them to a future sitting. They are also requested to prepare suitable returning minutes for our other beloved friends now in attendance of this meeting.

The subjoined annual Report of the Boarding School Committee was presented and read, and our friends William Reynolds, Edmund Chace, Timothy C. Collins, Joseph C. Peckham, Estes Newhall, Thomas W. Thorndike, Micajah C. Pratt, Samuel Boyce, William Mitchell, Isaac R. Gifford, William P. Howland, Stephen Dillingham, John W. Minot, Lemuel Jones, Nathan Douglass, Caleb Jones, John D. Lang, Daniel Taber,

Joseph H. Cole, Stephen Jones, John E. Fry, Smith Battey, John Osborne, Charles Hadwen, Benjamin H. Jones, Benajah Buffum, Isaiah Fry, Jacob K. Purington, Elijah Pope, Samuel Taylor, Jr., Joseph Taylor and Frederick Swan, are appointed to take the same into consideration, and report their judgment on the propositions contained therein to a future sitting. They are also requested to propose the names of friends to constitute a School Committee for the ensuing year.

TO THE YEARLY MEETING OF FRIENDS FOR NEW-ENGLAND,
SIXTH MONTH, 1851.

The Commiitee for the Superintendence of the Boarding School at Providence, Report—that they have given attention to their appointment, and from time to time met as a Committee at large and by Sub-Committees for the supervision of the School and its various concerns.

The Committee have, they trust, felt the weight and importance of their interesting charge, and have endeavored according to their ability to promote in the Institution a religious, guarded education, consistent with our religious profession.

The School during the year has been under the charge of our friends Silas and Sarah M. Cornell as Superintendents.—Charles Atherton and Moses C. Stevens have served as Teachers through the year, in the male department, with the addition of John Henry Crossman during the Winter Term. In the female department we have had the services of Anna B. Page and Anna Inman during the Summer Term, and of the latter with Deborah Holway and Mary W. Hawkes during the Winter Term. Elizabeth Prosser has also been engaged as Teacher of drawing, and has had the care of some of the younger scholars in both Schools during the year. Instruction in the Latin and Greek Languages has been given by George Peirce for both terms, and in the French Language during the Winter Term by Louise Parrot, a native French Teacher.

The average number of scholars has been ninety-two, viz., forty-eight males and forty-four females.

During the Summer Term, the health of the family was generally good. In the Winter Term the measles prevailed to a

great extent among the scholars, there having been forty-six cases among one hundred and twenty-one scholars in the School at the time.

It was cause of thankfulness that all these cases terminated in recovery to health, except one. Mary Smith, daughter of Moses Smith, of Dartmouth, an interesting young woman, of amiable disposition and very exemplary deportment, was removed by death. She took the disease while laboring under some other bodily infirmities, which probably tended to increase its severity. Her strength rapidly declined, and after being confined to her room four days only, her gentle spirit passed away on the evening of the 21st of First month, being a few days over 18 years of age.

The accounts of the Superintendent and Treasurer of the School Fund have been audited.

The expenditures of the School for the year ending with the Winter Term have been \$13,413 12.

The Income received from the School Fund has been \$7,495—and from board, tuition, and other sources, \$6,137 77. Total income, including balance of last year, \$13,632 77 ;—leaving unexpended in the Superintendent's hands \$219 65, an amount about equal to that in hand in Spring of 1850. Beside the above expenditures, the sum of \$529 50 has been expended on improvements on the farm and premises, and in the purchase of scientific Books, from funds specially appropriated to those objects.

We would propose that the terms for board and tuition the coming year, should remain as last year, viz. : for members of our Yearly Meeting Thirty Dollars per Term—for members of other Yearly Meetings Fifty Dollars per Term—and for children not members, one or both of whose parents are members of our Yearly Meeting, Forty-five Dollars per Term, and that the same price be charged for any others who may be admitted. Five Dollars per Term additional charge being made in all cases for instruction in the Languages.

That the amount to be appropriated the coming year, for free board and tuition, be restricted to the amount of the in-

come of the charitable fund. Monthly Meetings to send forward to the School Committee, at their Meetings in the Ninth and Third months, the names and ages of such children, within their limits, as they may think suitable to receive the benefit of the Fund, and any information regarding them which may aid the School Committee ; and the children to be received, to be selected by that Committee. The condition of the bequest of the principal part of the charitable fund being, in the words of the donor, "For the schooling of such members of the Society as are actually poor, supported or not as such by the respective Monthly Meetings. Females to have equal advantages of the whole of the legacy as males."

The subject of the continuance of holding meetings for worship for the scholars and family in the house, has been several times, during the year, solidly considered by the Committee ; and it has resulted in the conclusion to bring the subject before the Yearly Meeting for their consideration, with a view, if the Yearly Meeting should unite therein, of the Committee for the superintendence of the School the coming year, being authorized, as way may open for it, to direct the discontinuance of such meetings in the house, and the attendance of the scholars and family of the Meetings for worship in Providence.

In conclusion, we would express a feeling of thankfulness for the sense we have of the continued usefulness of this School, and for the religious concern cherished, we trust, by Friends, that under the blessing of Divine Providence, the School may be increasingly useful in fostering in the minds of our young Friends a love for the religious profession of the Society in which they have the privilege of membership, and a continued and increasing solicitude, that the precious doctrines professed by us may be faithfully upheld before the world—that the injunction of our blessed Saviour may be increasingly obeyed amongst us, "Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in Heaven."

Signed on behalf and by direction of the School Committee,
STEPHEN A. CHASE, *Clerk*.

Providence, 6th month 3d, 1851.

Having at this Meeting the acceptable company of our beloved friend Mary H. Harvey as companion to our friend Rachel Hathaway, a satisfactory certificate on her behalf was read at this time from Miami Monthly Meeting of Friends in the State of Ohio, held 2d mo. 19th, 1851.

Adjourned to 10 o'clock to-morrow morning.

Fourth day morning, the 18th, the Meeting assembled according to adjournment. The Representatives present as yesterday.

The Committee of this Meeting continued under appointment last year to meet with similar Committees of other Yearly Meetings, in conference at Baltimore, produced the following Report, viz. :—

“TO NEW-ENGLAND YEARLY MEETING OF FRIENDS—

The undersigned of the Committee appointed by our Yearly Meeting to meet with like Committees of other Yearly Meetings, in Baltimore in the 5th mo. 1851, to confer together on the general interests of Society, Report—That we attended to the appointment, and the Meeting of the Associated Committees was held at the time and place appointed, at which entire harmony, and much brotherly feeling prevailed, and after a time of conference together, on various important subjects relating to the general interests and welfare of Society, an address to Friends was agreed upon, with entire unity, a copy of which we herewith lay before the Meeting.

JOHN D. LANG,
JOHN OSBORNE,
STEPHEN A. CHASE,
DAVID BUFFUM,
SAMUEL TAYLOR, Jr.,
SAMUEL BOYCE,
SAMUEL BOYD TOBEY.

Baltimore, 5th mo. 8th, 1851.”

—which is satisfactory to us—and although we sensibly feel that our Society is still painfully circumstanced, yet we believe it may be best for us to release our Committee from further service at the present time.

The Address referred to in the foregoing Report was now read, and after a season of solid deliberation, it was, with a full and united expression, cordially approved and adopted.

The Clerk was directed to place the same upon our Records, but the printing and circulation of it is referred to the Meeting for Sufferings, to be attended to by that meeting when it shall have been laid before the different Yearly Meetings that were represented in the conference. The Meeting is at liberty to omit the paragraph which was prepared and adopted by the different Yearly Meetings in 1833.

The Committee on the correspondence made the following Report, viz. :—

“The Committee on the correspondence, who were desired to consider the propriety of at this time addressing Epistles to our brethren of the Yearly Meetings of Philadelphia and Ohio, have met and solidly and deliberately weighed the subject.

We believe it was in the ordering of unerring wisdom that the intercourse between the different Yearly Meetings of Friends by epistolary correspondence was first commenced, and that it is the mind of truth, that under the influence of Gospel love it should be continued. We read in the scriptures that—
“Then they that feared the Lord spake often one to another, and the Lord hearkened and heard it ; and a book of remembrance was written before him for them that feared the Lord, and that thought upon his name.”

The Churches of Christ in very early days, maintained an intercourse one with another, and were strengthened to be helpful one to another, and were one anothers joy and rejoicing in the Lord.

We believe it will be right for us to endeavor to maintain a practice so much in accordance with these precepts, and way has opened to prepare essays of epistles to each of the Yearly Meetings of Philadelphia and Ohio, which we herewith present.

On behalf of the Committee,

ROWLAND GREENE,
THOMAS ANTHONY,

Newport, 6th mo. 17th, 1851.”

And the Essays of the Epistles to the Yearly Meetings of Philadelphia and Ohio being read and fully approved, the Clerk was directed to sign them on our behalf, and forward them to those meetings respectively.

Adjourned to 4 o'clock this afternoon.

Afternoon—Friends again met.

The Records of the Meeting for Sufferings for the past year were now laid before us and read—and the proceedings of that meeting in relation to the various subjects that have claimed its attention, are satisfactory, and approved by this Meeting—and the friends now under appointment, with the exception of our late friend Jonathan Dennis, deceased, are continued to constitute a Meeting for Sufferings, to act on our behalf according to the original design and organization of that Meeting, for the ensuing year.

The Meeting for Sufferings having proposed a regulation of Discipline as to the manner of making additions to our Meetings of Ministers and Elders, (the subject having been referred to that Meeting by this Meeting last year,) it claimed our solid consideration, and was referred for further deliberation to our next sitting.

The Committee on the subject of changing the place of holding this Meeting, made the following Report, viz. :—

“TO THE YEARLY MEETING—

The Committee on the Removal of the Yearly Meeting, Report—That we have solidly considered the subject submitted to us, and we believe that the time has so nearly arrived for changing the place of holding the Yearly Meeting, that it may be safe for the Meeting to appoint a committee to look after a location for that purpose.

Signed by direction and on behalf of the Committee,

LEMUEL JONES, *Clerk.*

Newport, 6th mo. 17th, 1851.”

Which is satisfactory, and our friends Rowland Greene, Joseph Metcalf, David Buffum, Perez Peck, Gilbert Congdon, Nathan Breed of Lynn, Stephen A. Chase, Micajah C. Pratt,

Thomas W. Thorndike, Samuel Boyce, George Howland, John Howland, Edmond Gardner, Moses F. Rogers, David K. Aikin, Nathan Pope, Lemuel Jones, Joshua Douglas, John W. Minot, Abram Winslow, Samuel H. Colton, John E. Fry, Edward Earle, Edward Foster, John Osborne, John D. Lang, Edmond Cates, Joseph Taber, Alton Pope, Stephen Jones, Jacob K. Purington, Lindley M. Hoag, Benajah Buffum, Tobias Meader, Samuel Dennis, Alden Sampson, Samuel Taylor, Jr., Joseph Taylor, Winslow Hawkes and David Douglas, are appointed to look after a suitable location, estimate the necessary expense connected with a removal, and report to this Meeting next year.

[Women's Committee.—Elizabeth Wing, Hannah Gould, Jr., Miriam Newhall, Mary E. Breed, Mary Gifford, Susan Howland, Eunice J. Rich, Lydia H. Jones, Ruth Fry, Lydia R. Kelly, Elizabeth S. Taber, Ann Jones, Hannah G. Sawyer, Abigail M. Hanson, Lydia Taylor, Sarah T. Sampson.]

In the Report from Salem Quarterly Meeting, is the following proposition, viz. :

“The subject of changing the place of holding our Quarterly Meeting held in the 5th month, having claimed our serious consideration, it was concluded to propose to the Yearly Meeting, that our Quarterly Meeting held in that month should in future be held at Amesbury, instead of Seabrook ; it being believed that benefit would result from such a change. The women's Meeting uniting herein.”

—which with the concurrence of the Women's Yearly Meeting is united with, and it is accordingly directed that that Quarterly Meeting in the 5th month shall in future be held at Amesbury—and the Clerk is directed to furnish Salem Quarterly Meeting with a copy of this minute.

The Committee on the concern of this Meeting for the Indians located west of the Mississippi made the subjoined report, which with the documents accompanying it from the Superintendents of the Shawnee establishment of Friends was satisfactory and interesting to us—and our Committee is continued under appointment and requested to report to this Meeting next year—and Friends are encouraged to contribute in

their freedom pecuniary aid as suggested by the Committee, for the benefit of this establishment, viz :

“TO THE YEARLY MEETING NOW SITTING.

The Committee having charge of the concern of this Meeting for the Indians located west of the Mississippi—Report,

That they have given attention to the object of their appointment. The funds collected at the time of our last Yearly Meeting, together with some additional subscriptions received subsequently, were forwarded by one of the Committee to Thomas Wells, Superintendent of the Shawnee School, the receipt of which, was gratefully acknowledged, and encouraging information has from time to time, been received of the progress and prosperity of the establishment ; by a recent account from the Superintendent, it appears they are laboring under embarrassment from the want of some pecuniary aid to enable them to erect a barn and some out buildings for the better securing of their crops ; for a more detailed account of which, reference may be had to the letter which accompanies this report.

Although this establishment is not under our immediate care, yet as this meeting has for several years manifested a lively interest in the welfare of this poor, depressed, suffering remnant of a once numerous people, we would recommend a continuance of this interest, and suggest to our friends the propriety of rendering them further assistance in this their time of need.

Which is respectfully submitted, on behalf of the Committee,

SAMUEL TAYLOR, JR.,
JOHN D. LANG.

Newport, 6th mo. 18th, 1851.”

The Committee on the concern of this Meeting for the Penobscot and Passamaquoddy Tribes of Indians, made the following report, viz :

“TO THE YEARLY MEETING NOW SITTING.

The Committee having charge of the concern of this Meeting in relation to the Penobscot and Passamaquoddy Indians—Report,

That the subject has from time to time, claimed our very serious attention. We have been desirous to fix on some measures for future operations that if steadily pursued, should result in some more permanent benefit to them ; as experience has shown, that the assisting of them in building, has not fully answered the desired object of arresting their roving habits and turning their attention to the arts of husbandry, on which account it has of late been thought advisable for the present, at least, to withhold further assistance to them in that way, and still labor to cultivate feelings of love and friendship with them in which every right opening may be embraced to better their condition.

STEPHEN JONES, } on behalf of the
Committee.

Newport, 6th mo. 17th, 1851."

—which is satisfactory to us ; and still feeling a concern to do what we can to promote the good of these people, we are united in continuing our Committee under appointment, and we desire their encouragement to do all that way opens for permanently to benefit these Tribes.

The Committee to audit and settle the Treasurer's account make the following report, viz :

The Committee appointed to settle the account of the Treasurer and for other purposes, have examined it and find in his hands, nine hundred and sixty-two dollars and sixty-eight cents.

We propose two thousand dollars as a suitable sum to be raised for the ensuing year, and the name of David Buffum, for Treasurer.

For the Committee,

WILLIAM A. ROBINSON.

Newport, 6th mo. 17th, 1851."

—which is acceptable, and our several Quarterly Meetings are requested to raise their respective proportions of \$2000, the sum proposed by the Committee, and pay the same to David Buffum, who is appointed Treasurer of this Meeting for the ensuing year.

Adjourned to 4 o'clock to-morrow afternoon.

Fifth day the 19th, the Meeting assembled pursuant to adjournment.

Representatives present, except five, for whose absence satisfactory reasons were assigned.

This meeting being introduced into a deep concern for the welfare of our religious Society, and for its preservation on every hand, and being brought into near sympathy with those who may be laboring under discouragement in their small meetings, under a sense of their weakness, we have believed it right for us to separate a Committee to visit in love such of our subordinate meetings, families, or individuals, as way may open for to labor in the ability that may be graciously afforded to strengthen the hands that hang down, to arouse the lukewarm and indifferent, and to encourage all to increased faithfulness in the performance of their various religious duties, and in the support of our Christian testimonies and discipline, and we appoint for this service our friends Rowland Greene, Thomas Anthony, Lemuel Gifford, Joseph Davis, Samuel Boyd Tobey, Samuel Boyce, John D. Lang, Timothy C. Collins, Samuel Taylor, Jun., Lindley M. Hoag, James Jones, Stephen Jones, Stephen A. Chase, Perez Peck, Nathan Douglas, David Dudley, Lemuel Jones, David Buffum, Benjamin H. Jones, Tobias Meader, Thomas Grover, Abraham Russel, Edmund Cates, Elisha Jones, of Windam, Abraham Davis, Joseph Taylor, Isaac R. Gifford, Daniel Taber, Smith Battey, John Osborne and Isaac Lawrence, who are desired to proceed in this work as Truth may direct, and report to this meeting next year.

[Women's Committee.—Mary B. Farnum, Rhoda Howland, Mary Shove, Elizabeth Wing, Abigail M. Hanson, Mary E. Breed, Ruth H. Baker, Lydia R. Kelley, Miriam Newhall, Patience Swan, Elizabeth Peckham, Anna Cates, Ann Jones, Hannah Gould, Jr., Elizabeth A. Osborne, Lydia Taylor, Maria B. Jones, Ruth Sawyer, Hannah Morrill, Ruth Fry, Eunice J. Rich.]

The Committee to whom was referred the Report of the Boarding School Committee, made the following Report, viz :

“TO THE YEARLY MEETING NOW SITTING.

The Committee of men and women Friends appointed to consider the subject of authorizing the Committee for the Superintendence of the Boarding School, to discontinue as way may open for it, the meetings for worship for the scholars and family in the house, and to provide for them to attend meetings for worship in Providence—Report: That they have taken the subject into solid consideration, and they would recommend that the proposition in the Report of the Boarding School Committee in relation thereto, be adopted by the Yearly Meeting.

They would also propose that the Friends whose names are hereunto annexed, be appointed a Committee for the Superintendence of the School for the coming year.

On behalf of the Committee,

ESTES NEWHALL,
RUTH H. BAKER.

Newport, 6th mo. 18th, 1851.”

—which is satisfactory, and the Report of the School Committee is adopted, and the Clerk directed to forward copies of it to our subordinate Meetings—and the following friends are appointed on the part of this Meeting to unite with a similar Committee of the women’s Meeting for the government and superintendence of the Boarding School for the ensuing year, to report to this Meeting next year, viz :

Samuel Boyd Tobey, Joseph Metcalf, Stephen A. Chase, Samuel Boyce, George Howland, Jr., William C. Taber, Lemuel Jones, Caleb Jones, John Osborne, Edward Earle, John D. Lang, Alton Pope, Benajah Buffum, Tobias Meader, Alden Sampson, Samuel Taylor, Jr., Rowland Greene, David Buffum, George Howland, William A. Robinson, Gilbert Congdon, Gideon C. Smith, Nathan Breed of Lynn, David K. Aikin.

[Committee of women’s Meeting.—Eunice Metcalf, Sarah F. Tobey, Olivia C. Oliver, Miriam F. Breed, Rhoda Howland, Jr., Mercy H. Wing, Lydia H. Jones, Jane C. Minot, Mary B. Farnum, Elizabeth A. Osborne, Ann Elmira Lang, Theodate

S. Pope, Hannah G. Sawyer, Phebe H. Meader, Lucy J. Hawkes, Lydia Taylor, Eliza B. Boyce, Ann B. Earle, Lydia R. Kelly, Anna T. Dennis, Rachel S. Howland, Mary E. Breed, Susan Howland, Mary Williams.]

The Committee on Education made the subjoined report, and it is satisfactory and interesting to us ; manifesting, however, the necessity of increased efforts to educate our children more exclusively in select schools. The Committee are continued, and we desire their encouragement to persevere in the work for which they were originally appointed by this Meeting; and friends are exhorted increasingly to turn their attention to the interesting subject of giving their children a truly guarded and religious education ; and where they are still in attendance of mixed schools, that parents endeavor to be careful that it does not interrupt their attendance of mid-week meetings. Joshua Douglas of Durham, George Bowen of Rhode-Island, and James McLaughlin of China Monthly Meeting, are added to the Committee.

“ TO THE YEARLY MEETING—

The Committee on Education Report—That since our organization in the 6th month last, we have given some attention to the objects of our appointment, and held meetings in the 10th and 4th months, at the Boarding School at Providence, on which occasions some of our number witnessed the examinations at the School, which were interesting and satisfactory to us. At our meeting in the 10th month, it was concluded to issue Circulars to Committees of the several Monthly Meetings, calling for statistical information of the number of Friends' Children within the limits of the Yearly Meeting, and of the means provided for their education. We have, however, received answers from only twenty-four Monthly Meetings, leaving six from which no report has been obtained.

From the reports received the following summary has been compiled, viz. :

Number of Children (in 24 Monthly Meetings) between		
the ages of 4 and 16 years,	- - -	1102
“ Children between 16 and 21 years,	- - -	462

Number of Monthly Meeting Schools, - - -	1
“ Preparative Meeting Schools, - - -	1
“ Family Schools, - - - - -	4
“ Friends' Children attending Friends' Schools,	165
“ Friends' Children attending Mixed Schools,	1018
“ First Day Schools, under the control of Friends,	16
“ Children attending such Schools, - - -	533
“ Children who are members of our Society,	374

Our several meetings held at this place have been largely attended, and while the Reports show but little increase in the number of children who are obtaining a literary education in select schools, yet the increasing interest manifested by Friends, in different localities, for a faithful discharge of duty in the moral and religious training of their beloved offspring, as well by means of First Day Schools, several of which have been established during the year, and are now in successful operation, as by the practice, which we believe is becoming more general amongst us, of daily collecting the family circle for the purpose of reading the Holy Scriptures in a weighty and becoming manner, has been cause of encouragement to us, and we are induced to believe that many Friends are becoming aroused to the importance of endeavoring, by every means in their power to guard against the injurious influence which associations in mixed schools must exert upon the tender and susceptible minds of their children.

On behalf of the Committee.

THOMAS S. GIFFORD, *Assistant Clerk.*

Newport, 6th mo. 18th, 1851.”

The proposition of a regulation of Discipline in regard to the manner of making additions to our Meetings of Ministers and Elders, being now again brought before us, claimed our solid consideration, and was united with by this Meeting, and with the concurrence of the Women's Meeting, is adopted and established as Discipline—and the Clerk is directed to have it printed in suitable form and furnished to subordinate meetings, to be by them inserted in the Book of Discipline, and to go

into effect when the meetings shall have received a copy of the same. It is as follows:—

“Instead of the paragraph commencing on the 78th page with the words “As these are officers, &c.” and ending on the 79th page with the words “case of Elders,” in the edition of the printed discipline of 1849.—the following paragraphs be substituted, viz. :

In the appointment of Elders, the following order is to be observed—Whenever it shall appear on solid consideration to any Monthly Meeting that an appointment of an Elder or Elders in such Monthly Meeting is right and proper, the Monthly Meeting are to appoint a Committee to consider of a suitable friend or friends rightly qualified for that station. The Monthly meeting both of men and women uniting therein. When said Committee are united in judgment, that any friend is rightly qualified for such station, they shall in writing request the Quarterly Meeting to appoint a Committee to join with them in considering the subject, without communicating the name or names of the friends proposed. The Quarterly Meeting shall thereupon comply with such request, the men and women’s meeting uniting therein; and if the Committee of the Quarterly Meeting so appointed shall advise thereto, the Committee of the Monthly Meeting shall propose such friend or friends to their Monthly Meeting; and after the Monthly Meeting have approved such, adjudging them duly anointed and qualified for that service, as they are officers of the church at large, let them acquaint the Quarterly Meeting therewith, who after waiting for their concurring unity, and finding nothing to hinder, are to minute the same, and the friend or friends so appointed, may then sit in any of our Meetings of Ministers and Elders. Information of such appointments is to be given by the Quarterly to the select Quarterly Meetings, and by each of the Quarterly Meetings to the Yearly Meeting, and the names of the friends appointed are to be entered on the minutes of the select Quarterly Meetings, and on the Yearly Meeting’s records.

And where any friend appears in public ministry, whose conversation shall be clean and blameless, and the Elders of the

Monthly Meeting he or she belongs to, (or in case the Quarterly Meeting shall have joined the select members of two or more Monthly Meetings into one Meeting, then the Elders of such Meeting,) are convinced that the Lord hath called them to that weighty work, after duly waiting for due proof thereof, they shall in writing request the Quarterly Meeting to appoint a Committee to unite with them in considering the same, who shall thereupon comply with such request, the men and women's Meeting uniting therein, and if said Committee of the Quarterly Meeting shall advise thereto, the Elders of the Monthly Meeting or of the Select Meeting to which the select members of such Monthly Meeting may belong, shall signify their unity with the gift of such friend in the ministry to the Monthly Meeting, who after weightily feeling after the mind of truth therein, and being united in approving him or her as a Minister in the Church, the same be entered and sent forward, in like manner as in the case of Elders."

The Clerk of the Meeting of Ministers and Elders informed us that our beloved friend Sybil Jones has been liberated to pay a visit in gospel love to Friends, and some not in profession with us, in Great Britain and Ireland, to some parts of the continent of Europe, and if way should open for it, to extend the visit to some places on the western coast of Africa, particularly to Sierra Leone, and the Republic of Liberia, and some of the adjacent Islands, and to a few of the West India Islands, and that our beloved friend Eli Jones has been liberated to accompany his wife in this religious engagement.

In view of the extent of the proposed visit, the Meeting for Sufferings is requested to afford its aid to our dear friends in making such provision as may be needed in its accomplishment.

A testimony of Uxbridge Monthly Meeting, approved by Smithfield Quarterly Meeting, concerning our late beloved friend Royal Southwick, was read, and being satisfactory, it is directed that it be recorded.

Adjourned to 9 o'clock to-morrow morning.

Sixth day morning the 20th, the Meeting assembled according to adjournment. Representatives present except four.

A memorial from China Monthly Meeting, approved by Vassalboro' Quarterly Meeting, concerning our late beloved friend Martha J. Hodges, was read at this time, and being approved by us, it is directed that it be recorded. The reading of this testimony has brought our late dear friend very sweetly to our remembrance.

A Memoir concerning our friend Elizabeth M. Meader, was read, and is satisfactory—and believing that usefulness may result from the publication of the documents of this character received by us at this time, the Meeting for Sufferings is requested to cause an edition of them to be printed and placed within the reach of Friends.

In the Epistle from Indiana Yearly Meeting addressed to us this year, we are informed that the following friends are appointed correspondents to sign certificates and other documents, viz :

Benjamin C. Diggs for White River Monthly Meeting in New Garden Quarter, in place of Amos Peacock, deceased—address, Winchester, Randolph County, Indiana.

John H. Bond for Poplar Run Monthly Meeting, same quarter, in place of Davis Meeker, removed—address, Macksville, Randolph County, Indiana.

Enoch Moon for Greenfield Monthly Meeting in Western Quarter, in place of Chalkley Stanton, who is released at his request—address, Lafayette, Tippecanoe County, Indiana.

David Hadley for Rush Creek Monthly Meeting in the same quarter—address, Sylvania, Park County, Indiana.

Joseph D. Hoag for East Grove Monthly Meeting in Salem Quarter—address, East Grove, Henry County, Iowa.

William Picket for Herkles Creek Monthly Meeting, Union Quarter—address, Pennsfield, Hamilton County, Indiana.

William Reese for Vermilion Monthly Meeting, Western Quarter, in place of Richard Hayworth, deceased—address, Ridge Farm, Vermilion County, Illinois.

The Committee appointed for that purpose produced certificates for our beloved friends Benjamin Seeborn and Robert Lindsey, which were cordially united with by a very general

expression of friends and the Clerk is directed to sign them on our behalf.

The Clerk is directed to sign in our behalf the following minute (prepared by the Committee) for our friend Daniel Wood, and similar minutes for our friends James Owen, James Jordan, Anna Adams, Sarah C. Hawxhurst, Deborah C. Hinsdale, Abigail F. Cornell and Rachel Hathaway, viz :

“ Our beloved friend Daniel Wood attended this meeting. His company and religious services have been truly acceptable to us.”

The Clerk is also directed to sign on our behalf, the following minute for our friend Caleb Hathaway, and minutes of similar import for our friends Simon D. Harvey, Jona. Butler, Maria Willets and Mary H. Harvey, viz :

“ Our beloved friend Caleb Hathaway attended this meeting as companion to his wife Rachel Hathaway. His company and solid deportment have been acceptable and satisfactory to us.”

Essays of Epistles to our brethren of the Yearly Meetings of London, Ireland, New York, Baltimore, North Carolina and Indiana were now presented and read, and being approved, the Clerk is directed to sign them on our behalf and forward them to those meetings respectively.

The Clerk is requested to cause 3000 copies of the minutes of this Meeting for the present year to be printed and forwarded to the several Quarterly Meetings for the use of Friends.

The Clerk is authorized to make any necessary extracts from our minutes not already provided for and sign them on our behalf.

The various important concerns that have engaged the attention of this Yearly Meeting being now satisfactorily disposed of, and having been favored as we trust, to witness the ancient wing of divine Goodness to be mercifully spread over us, with feelings of close unity and love, we now come to a solemn conclusion, proposing to meet again at this place, at the usual time next year, if our Heavenly Father so permit.

Signed on behalf of the Meeting,

SAMUEL BOYD TOBEY, *Clerk.*

EPISTLE.

AN EPISTLE OF TENDER COUNSEL

to Friends in Ireland, from the Committee separated by the Yearly Meeting, held in Dublin in 1850, to visit the Quarterly and other Meetings belonging thereto.

DEAR FRIENDS—

Upon a retrospect of the visit recently performed on behalf of our Yearly Meeting to the quarterly, monthly, and preparative meetings of Friends throughout this land, we find abundant cause to commemorate the loving kindness of our Heavenly Father, through whose unmerited mercy we have been favored to partake together with you, at seasons, of the refreshment which flows from His holy presence. It was we reverently trust, under some feeling of the constraining love of Christ, that we were set apart for this service ; and we have the satisfaction to believe that the visit has been everywhere accepted by our friends as an errand of love : a grateful sense hereof has been consoling to us under many discouragements, and whilst in passing from place to place we have often had to mourn over the desolation that is visible within our borders, we can yet take comfort in the assurance, that brotherly love—that love which has its spring in the pure fellowship of the gospel—is, in some good measure, maintained amongst us.

It has been deeply interesting to us to mingle with our beloved brethren and sisters in their various allotments, and to enter into feeling with them under the diversified circumstances in which they are placed. Our sympathy has often flowed towards the burden-bearers, those especially who, with few fellow-helpers, are honestly endeavoring to support the law and the testimony. We have witnessed, to our instruction and

comfort, in some of the smaller meetings as well as in those where our members are numerous, the zeal and devotedness of such as these, and greatly do we desire that their hearts may be afresh animated by the incomes of heavenly love, and their hands strengthened for the work and service of the day.—Through the unfailing mercy of our Holy Redeemer, and by His divine power, there have been raised up and preserved among us from generation to generation, faithful men and women, who, in the exercise of the gifts entrusted to them, have labored for the maintenance of our christian discipline. We cannot estimate how largely to these labors may be attributed the preservation in our society to the present day, of the precious testimony to the purity and simplicity of the truth as it is in Jesus, which was borne by our early friends; but we feel assured that the maintenance of the discipline of the church, in the life and power graciously imparted by our Holy Head to His faithful followers, is of unspeakable importance, and we would therefore offer a word of cordial encouragement to all who are thus concerned to be found as upright pillars in the Lord's house.

We have been led to consider the dealings of the Most High with us, as a people, since it first pleased Him to raise up in this land faithful witnesses to those views of Gospel truth, which continue to be steadfastly held by us. How signally was His power displayed in the preservation of these, few as they were in number, and widely dispersed throughout the land, during that stormy period, near the close of the seventeenth century, when the strife of conflicting parties made Ireland as a field of blood. Nor was the protecting care of the same divine arm less remarkably manifest when, after the lapse of nearly one hundred years, and in the memory of many whom we now address, this land was again overspread by the horrors of civil war. How much have we also to commemorate of the same gracious dealings towards us, in connexion with the awful seasons of famine and pestilence through which this country has lately passed. We allude not to these memorable events as evidences of Divine favor, to be regarded with self-complac-

cy, but as a solemn monition to us all to consider whether we have been concerned so to live, and so to walk before God, as to fulfil his all-wise purposes concerning us. It is not for us to inquire what those purposes may be; but surely, under a sense of the gross darkness which covers the hearts of many of the people among whom we dwell, we have cause for humiliation, in that we have not been more largely instrumental in the blessed work of spreading the light of the glorious Gospel, and, under the holy anointing, laboring to gather souls to Christ. Let us, dear friends, be animated in the remembrance of our high and holy calling: it is only through individual faithfulness that the soundness and energy of the body can be maintained or restored; and with the increase of faithfulness—not in the activity of our own wills, but in the line of Divine appointment—we doubt not would be the enlargement of our field of true usefulness. The psalmist could declare in his day, “Thou hast given a banner to them feared thee, that it may be displayed because of the truth.”*

The manner in which our religious meetings are upheld, has claimed our attention as a subject of deep importance. It has ever been the concern of the true believers in Christ, to manifest their dependance upon Him by meeting together in His name, whether for the solemn duty of public worship, or for the exercise of that care one over another which belongs to every rightly gathered church; and the experience of these in all ages has been, that as their hearts have been lifted up to Him in reverent expectation and patient hope, He has not failed to own them by His living presence, renewing their strength according to the ancient promise to those who “wait upon the Lord,”† and uniting them closely one unto another in Him. We rejoice in believing that more than a few amongst us can thus set their seals to the faithfulness of Him, who was graciously pleased through his prophet of old to declare, “they shall not be ashamed that wait for me.”‡ It is the lot of some of these to meet in very small companies, and under many outward discouragements and difficulties; we have felt for them in their

* Psalm, lx. 4.

† Isaiah, xl. 31.

‡ Ib. xlix. 23.

lonely situations, and have also been led into sympathy with other well concerned brethren and sisters, whose allotment is in larger meetings, but who do not in their public gatherings, experience much of that help and comfort which arises from the union of minds rightly exercised before the Lord. Beloved friends—may your faith be strengthened in Him who has hitherto borne up your spirits when you were at times ready to faint, and kept you alive as in the midst of famine. Although you may often, in your meetings for worship and discipline, have to mourn over the low state of the church, and have no evidence of the life and power of its holy Head being in dominion among you, yet in the absence of all sensible consolation, you may be made partakers of that living, though hidden virtue, through which the inner man is strengthened, and a growth experienced in the root ; and at seasons, we doubt not, the Lord in his abundant mercy will grant you a lively sense of the blessing described by the Psalmist : “Thou openest thine hand, and satisfiest the desire of every living thing.”* May these—may all who desire that our meetings should be held to edification—mind their individual responsibility, and watch against the inroads of a spirit of lukewarmness and indifferency, under the prevalence of which our religious meetings, simple as they are in their character, and free from those forms and ceremonies which were introduced in the apostacy, might become a form as empty as any of those out of which our ancestors were led. In the words of our honorable elder, George Fox, we would exhort our dear brethren and sisters to “keep all your meetings in the power of God.” As you are thus concerned, even your smallest assemblies will partake of that dignity and authority which no human power can confer ; and the weight of your spirits, as well as the savour of your lives and conversation, will manifest to others that you are of the number of those who “worship God in the spirit,”† and will enable you, in the impressive language of example, to hold out to those around you the invitation—Come and have fellowship with us, “and truly our fellowship is with the Father, and with his son Jesus Christ.”‡

* Psalm, cxlv. 16.

† Phil. iii. 3.

‡ 1 John, i. 3.

In the course of our visit few subjects have engaged our feelings with deeper interest than those comprehended in our fourth query. How many parents there are amongst us whose yearnings of heart towards their beloved offspring, often prompt the secret aspiration on their behalf, that they may be preserved from the evils that are in the world ; and yet how few of these are to be found training up their children in all respects in a religious life and conversation, consistent with our Christian profession, or, in other words, “in the nurture and admonition of the Lord.”* What is it, dear friends, that hinders us in this important work ? Are we seeking in all simplicity and faithfulness to follow our Divine Master, so that we may be prepared to lead to Him these precious objects of our solicitude ? or, are we conscious that our own minds are so much occupied with other things, as to disqualify us in a great measure for a right exercise of spirit on their account ? Let us also be willing to enter into a serious and impartial examination whether our own conduct in any respect is such as to present a cause of stumbling to those under our care. Unless we are concerned to know the Lord for ourselves, we cannot availingly, and with living energy, invite our children to seek this saving knowledge ; nor can we justly expect that our precept will sink into their hearts, unless they are enforced by the influence of a holy life and conversation. We apprehend that many amongst us, as they lay these things to heart, will find that there is great need to cherish a deeper exercise of mind on this account than they have been wont to dwell under ; and that as they yield to this concern, they will have to separate themselves from, and to part with many things that have hitherto been causes of weakness to them. May there be a willingness to bring our deeds to the light, and in unreserved submission to the discoveries of the divine will, to cleanse our hands from all that has a tendency to unfit us for the work to which we are called.

Our solicitude has been awakened in a very lively manner on behalf of our younger friends, many of whom we believe may be addressed as the visited and called of the Lord. It is declared by our blessed Redeemer, that many are called, but few

* Eph. vi. 4.

chosen.”* Remember, dear young friends, that if you become of the number of the chosen, you must obey the call. May nothing, therefore, be permitted to turn you aside from the path of simple obedience. Be willing to learn of Him who was meek and lowly in heart; under his holy discipline every aspiring thought will be brought into subjection, and you will be clothed with humility, an ornament far surpassing in beauty and in worth, all that this world can invest you with, and a state wherein, as you abide in it through life, the blessing of Divine preservation will be yours. As all that you have yet been given to see of the excellency there is in the truth, and of the glory of the Lord’s house, may be but as a glimpse compared to the fulness that awaits you; so those lessons hitherto taught you in the school of Christ, may be no more than the very rudiments of what are yet to be unfolded to you. Oh! that we could impress on you a deep and lasting sense of the safety—yea, the blessedness—of a lowly and teachable mind. There is a knowledge that puffeth up, which the Apostle warns us against;† but as you dwell in the fear of the Lord, and are concerned to do the will of your heavenly Master, He will fulfil unto you His gracious promise, and give you to know of His doctrine,‡ opening to your understanding, as you are prepared to receive them, wondrous things out of his law.§ Press earnestly, therefore, after an inward acquaintance with your Lord and Saviour, in which may be summed up all that the most tender interest can crave on your behalf; for “this is life eternal, that they might know thee, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom thou hast sent.”||

We have witnessed with deep regret the disposition evinced by many of our dear young friends to cast off, as they advance to mature age, some of the restraints to which they have been accustomed to submit in earlier life, when under the immediate care of pious parents, or at our public schools. We allude especially to that assimilation with the world, which is marked by a conformity to its manners, dress, and language. It is our settled belief that the same testimony which was required of our forefathers against the changeable fashions and corrupt con-

* Matt. xxii. 14.

† 1 Cor. viii. 1.

‡ John vii. 17.

§ Psalm, cxix. 18.

|| John xvii. 3.

versation of the world, and which was faithfully borne by them under much obloquy and suffering, is still required of us as a part—and no unimportant part—of our profession of pure and primitive christianity. We would therefore affectionately invite those who are inclined to plead for a liberty in these things which we believe the truth does not sanction, to ponder the path of their feet. Has the liberty you plead for contributed to your growth in the divine life, and strengthened you to resist the temptations with which you are surrounded? May we not appeal to your best feelings for a testimony the very reverse of this, even that you have hereby brought weakness upon yourselves, if not a withering as to your spiritual condition. Suffer us, beloved young friends, earnestly to urge upon you the counsels of age and experience: some of us have trodden the paths in which you are now walking, and have found that they do not lead to peace. We are persuaded that to many of you these things have been a snare, and that through your embracing a false liberty—a liberty which brings into bondage—the work of divine grace in your hearts has been retarded, if not marred. We call you not to formality, but to faithfulness. Let then the time past suffice. If you are renewedly made sensible of the visitations of your Heavenly Father's love, bringing your spirits into tenderness and contrition before Him, accept, we beseech you, the offers of redeeming mercy, and hesitate not to enter into covenant with him by sacrifice.* Some of you, we apprehend, have found that your departure from the path of self-denial in dress and language, has been the direct avenue to a familiar intercourse with hurtful company, and has led to your joining them in the sports of the field, and in the frequenting of places of public diversion, the haunts of the vain and profligate. Although it may have been by almost imperceptible gradations that you have been brought to embrace these temptations; and although under their benumbing influence you may be now ready to regard with allowance things which, in past times of greater sensibility of mind, you would have viewed with abhorrence; yet we trust the pure witness in your conscience, even the Spirit of

* Psalm. 1. 5.

Truth, who reproves the world of sin,* does still at seasons plead with you on this wise,—and oh ! that your ears may be open to the call,—“Come out from among them and be ye separate, touch not the unclean thing, and I will receive you, and will be a Father unto you, and ye shall be my sons and daughters, saith the Lord Almighty.”†

We have been brought into tender feeling on account of some of our friends in early life, as well as others, who have been visited with affliction,—who have known the day of the Lord to come upon their pleasant pictures, and in whose view the glory of this perishing world has thus been stained. Dear friends—you have beheld the Lord in the way of His judgments, yet, they have been mingled with mercy. Cast yourselves then, unreservedly, upon Him, desiring that He may choose your inheritance for you ; and as you are thus concerned to commit your way unto Him, you may trust in the consoling assurance that He will bring to pass that which will be for your lasting benefit, and you may yet have to make the heartfelt acknowledgment, that it was good for you that you had been afflicted. Some of you have had to partake largely of disappointment in your pursuit of the things of this life, and on this account are the objects of our Christian sympathy ; we feel for you under the trials and difficulties to which you may be subjected in your future endeavors to “provide things honest in the sight of all men ;”‡ but may it not have been, dear friends, that you needed to have impressed in living characters upon your hearts the divine monition, “Seekest thou great things for thyself? seek them not.”§ Your lot, seen by the anointed eye, is less to be commiserated than if you had been permitted to lade yourselves with riches as with thick clay, and had thus been tempted to take up your rest in a state of outward ease, but in forgetfulness of the Lord your Maker. “As many as I love I rebuke and chasten,”|| is the language of unutterable mercy. Be not discouraged, therefore, because of the chastening hand being laid upon you. Remember that

* John. xvi. 8.

† Cor. vi. 17, 18.

‡ Rom. xii. 17.

§ Jer. xlv. 5.

|| Rev. iii. 19.

“godliness with contentment is great gain,”* and that He who “giveth to the beast his food, and to the young ravens which cry,”† will not fail to fulfil to you his gracious promise,‡ if your hearts be steadfast in seeking first the kingdom of God and his righteousness.

Beloved friends of every age and every class, let us individually submit our hearts to the searching inquiry—How much owest thou unto thy Lord?§ How much may not every one of us find in his or her own experience to commemorate of His awakening visitations, and of His gracious dealing with our souls. It has pleased him of later time to visit us in many ways for our good; we have witnessed His righteous judgments in the earth, and line upon line, and precept upon precept of deep instruction, have been addressed to us; the ground has been prepared by the good Husbandman, and the seed sown in many hearts; and the precious influence of the dew of Heaven has also been plenteously shed upon many. It is declared that “the earth, which drinketh in the rain that cometh oft upon it, and bringeth forth herbs meet for them by whom it is dressed receiveth blessing from God; but that which beareth thorns and briars is rejected.”|| May we seek to have our hearts redeemed from the undue pursuit of the things of this life, so that neither the fettering cares of the world, nor its false and delusive pleasures, may be to us as the briars and thorns which choke the good seed, and render it unfruitful. May we be increasingly concerned to loose ourselves from every entanglement, and to walk before God in newness of life; so that henceforth we may no more live unto ourselves, but unto Him who died for us and rose again.¶

With the salutation of christian love, we are your friends.

Signed on behalf of the Committee,

JOSEPH BEWLEY.

Dublin, 30th of Fourth Month, 1851.

* 1 Tim. vi. 6.

† Psalm, cxlvii. 9.

‡ Matt. vi. 33.

§ Luke, xvi. 5.

|| Heb. vi. 7, 8.

¶ 2 Cor. v. 15.

EXTRACTS FROM THE

MINUTES

OF

NEW-ENGLAND YEARLY MEETING

OF

FRIENDS,

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MINUTES.

AT the Yearly Meeting of Friends for New-England, held on Rhode-Island, commencing with public meetings for worship at Newport and Portsmouth, on first day the 12th ; and at Newport for discipline on second day morning the 13th of sixth month, 1853.

By the Reports received from our Quarterly Meetings, it appears that the following Friends have been appointed Representatives to this Meeting, viz :

FROM RHODE-ISLAND—Rowland Greene, John Meader, David Shove, Joseph Metcalf, Perez Peck, David Buffum, William S. Perry, Edmund Chace, Timothy C. Collins and Charles Atherton.

FROM SALEM—Estes Newhall, William Rogers Jr., Joshua Page, David Rodman, Stephen A. Chase, Thos. W. Thorn-dike, Nathan Breed, of Lynn, and Newell Ordway.

FROM SANDWICH—Edmund Gardner, William C. Taber, Benjamin Potter, Thomas Wood, Calvin Shepherd, Newell Hoxsie, David K. Aiken, George Easton and John Macomber.

FROM FALMOUTH—Thomas Jones, Nathan Pope, Lemuel Jones, Joshua Douglas, Elisha Jones, Jesse Crosman, John W. Minot and Henry M. Minot.

FROM SMITHFIELD—Thomas Grover, Waldo Earle, Edward Earle, John Osborne, Jonathan Coe and John E. Fry.

FROM VASSALBORO'—David Robinson, Edmund Whitehouse, Joseph Taber, Stephen Jones, Josiah Jones, Aaron Buffum and Ebenezer Frye.

From DOVER—Timothy Hanson, Moses Roberts, Benajah Buffum and Isaiah Fry.

From FAIRFIELD—Joseph Taylor, Charles M. Bailey, Samuel Taylor Jr., Elijah Pope, David Dudley, Reuben T. Jones, David Douglas and Alden Sampson:

Whose names being called, they were all present except one for whose absence a sufficient reason was assigned.

Having at this meeting the acceptable company of our beloved friend Cordelia Bayes of Great Britain, certificates from the Monthly Meeting of Devonshire House, held in the city of London the 18th of the 3d month 1851, the Quarterly Meeting for London and Middlesex, held in London the 24th of 3d month 1851, and the Yearly Meeting of Ministers and Elders, held in London by adjournment on the 19th, 20th, and 31st days of the 5th month 1851, were read, all expressive of unity with her as a Minister of the Gospel, and with her present religious engagement in this land.

We have also at this meeting the acceptable company of our beloved friends Nathaniel Sands, of Cornwall Monthly Meeting, New York—Enos G. Pray, of Springfield Monthly Meeting, Ohio—Joseph Haviland, of Nine Partners Monthly Meeting, New York—Jemima Burson, of Miami Monthly Meeting, Ohio—Anna Thornburgh, of Walnut Ridge Monthly Meeting, Indiana—Sarah M. Hiatt, of Duck Creek Monthly Meeting, Indiana—and Mary S. Watkins, of Goshen Monthly Meeting, Ohio—certificates from their respective meetings were presented and read expressive of unity with them as Ministers, and with their present religious engagements.

We have likewise the acceptable company of our beloved friends Joel Gilbert, accompanying our friend Anna Thornburgh; Rice Price, accompanying our friend Sarah M. Hiatt; James Brown, accompanying our friend Cordelia Bayes; Walter T. Carpenter, in company with our friend Jemima Burson; John P. Wood, in company with our friend Mary S. Watkins; Lydia Bell, companion to our friend Anna Thornburgh, and Mary J. Hadley, companion to our friend Jemima Burson, satisfactory testimonials from their respective meetings were read.

We have also at this meeting the acceptable company of our friends Walter Denny Jay and his wife Mary Jay, of Mill Creek Monthly Meeting, Ohio, and of Harriet Steere, of Cincinnati Monthly Meeting.

The London general printed epistle for 1852 has been read in this meeting, and its contents have been comforting and edifying to us, and we appoint our friends Samuel Boyce and Wm. C. Taber, to cause 3500 copies thereof to be reprinted and furnished in the usual proportions to the Representatives now in attendance of this meeting, to be conveyed to the Quarterly Meetings for the use and benefit of those within their respective limits, and report to a future sitting.

We have received truly acceptable Epistles from our dear brethren of the Yearly Meetings of London, Dublin, New York, Baltimore and Indiana, manifesting that love which is the token of disciples of our Lord, and is very precious to us.

We appoint the following friends to take these Epistles into consideration and prepare, as way opens for it, essays of reply thereto and present them to a future sitting. They are also requested to prepare an Epistle to our dear brethren of the Yearly Meeting of North Carolina, from whom none has yet been received the present year. The Committee are also requested to take into deep and careful consideration the present position of this Yearly Meeting in relation to its correspondence with those meetings which have for several years declined to receive our Epistles and report their judgment on the very important questions connected therewith to a future sitting of this meeting, viz:—Rowland Greene, John D. Lang, John Osborne, John Meader, Thos W. Thorndike, Charles Atherton, Samuel Boyce, Samuel Boyd Tobey, Stephen A. Chase, Wm. C. Taber, Moses H. Beede, Nathan Douglas, Lemuel Jones, Joseph Taylor, Joseph Metcalf, Samuel Taylor, Jr., Henry M. Minot, Daniel Taber, Benjamin H. Jones, David Kelly, Gilbert Congdon, Estes Newhall, Newell Hoxsie, Moses Huntington, Jun., Daniel Page, Isaiah Frye, David Buffum, Jonathan Dame,

Stephen Jones, Isaac R. Gifford, Perez Peck, David Shove,
 Thomas Grover, Thomas Jones, David Dudley, Enoch Page,
 and James Jones. * * * * *

Adjourned to 4 o'clock this afternoon.

Afternoon, met by adjournment.

Our friend Rowland Greene on behalf of the representatives, informed that they had conferred together, and were united in proposing Samuel Boyd Tobey for Clerk, and Stephen A. Chase for Assistant Clerk for the ensuing year, which being united with by the Meeting they are accordingly appointed to those stations.

We have at this meeting the acceptable company of our beloved friend Esther C. Weeks, who presented a certificate from Shappaqua Monthly Meeting, held in New Castle, Westchester County, New York, the 9th of 6th mo, 1853, expressive of unity with her as a Minister, and with her present religious engagement.

We have also the acceptable company of our beloved friends Elizabeth C. Underhill, companion to our friend Esther C. Weeks, of Hannah S. Murray, companion to our friend Cordelia Bayes and of Rebecca Griffin, companion to our friend Sarah M. Hiatt. Satisfactory testimonials from their respective meetings were read.

The Records of this Meeting for 1852 were now read.

The annual Report of the Boarding School Committee was laid before the meeting and read, received its deliberate consideration, was fully united with, the several propositions therein contained were approved and adopted, and the Clerk was directed to furnish copies of the Report to our several Quarterly and Monthly Meetings. It is as follows, viz :

“TO THE YEARLY MEETING :

The Boarding School Committee Report : That the school being vacated at the time of the last Yearly Meeting, according to its direction, the Committee proceeded to make those repairs and improvements upon the buildings and premises which they believed the interests of the Institution and the

convenience and comfort of its inmates required. Many alterations were made in the interior of the House, highly promotive of this end. The several school rooms, lodging and dining rooms have been much improved and newly furnished, together with many alterations in the centre building, and all the apartments are lighted with gas, very much to satisfaction.

Among the improvements upon the premises is the erection of a spacious and very convenient and substantial stone barn, sufficient, we believe, in its capacity for the purposes of the Institution. Some other out buildings have been erected and some altered and better adapted to their intended uses.

Soon after the building of the stone barn, a fire occurred on the premises, the origin of which has not been ascertained, by which nearly all that was combustible of the barn, together with a wooden barn, a corn-house, and one or two other small wooden buildings, two horses, and all the hay and fodder were consumed. The rebuilding of the stone barn, with enlarged dimensions, and the other necessary expenditures and loss accruing from this fire are estimated at about \$2500.

The expenditures for all the repairs and improvements, including the loss resulting from the fire have been \$13,804,96.

The Amount subscribed for these purposes at the time of our last Yearly Meeting was \$3,612, and since then, there have been collected and forwarded to the Treasurer of the School fund \$2732,75—making a total of

	-	-	-	6,344,75
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Leaving an indebtedness of	-	-	-	\$7,460,21
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We think it right to mention, that \$2000 of the sum subscribed since the Yearly Meeting, was received from our late dear friend George Howland, who, not long before his decease requested his executors to pay this amount to the School.

We would propose that \$6,500—the sum received for the sale of land authorized by the Yearly Meeting in 1847, should be appropriated towards the liquidation of this indebtedness.—This sum of \$6500 having by conclusion of the Yearly Meeting in 1847, when the sale of the land was authorized, and also in 1849 after the sale was completed, been funded, and

the income of it concluded to be annually appropriated for the betterment of the real estate of the Institution—we think it best, that the appropriation now made of the principal, should be considered in the light of a loan to the School funds, the interest of which should be annually paid from the board and tuition fees received, and be expended in the permanent improvement of the real estate. And we indulge the hope that a way may be opened, by which this loan may be repaid, by the liberality of Friends, so that the principal of it may be replaced and reinvested for the permanent use to which it was concluded to be appropriated.

The accounts of the Institution for the past year have been examined and settled, by which it appears, that there have been received from the income of the School Fund during the past year

	\$6,936,40
From the Charity Fund	430,00
From the Farm Fund	390,00
From Scholars for board, tuition &c. one Term, including a balance of \$286,65 in Superintendent's hands last year	4,915,14
And from other sources	1,388,44

Making a total of \$14,059,98

The expenditures of the Institution exclusive of the amount stated above for repairs and improvements, and including \$489,72 from Treasurer's account have been

The balance now in Treasurer's and Principal's hands is \$544,01

At the time of our Report last year the debt of the Institution was about \$2500. Should the Yearly Meeting approve of appropriating the \$6,500, as we have proposed, it will be seen that the indebtedness of the School will then be \$1955,99.

In view of the accommodation of the Institution it was believed that 80 scholars of each sex were as many as could be well provided for and a circular to this effect was forwarded to the several Monthly Meetings.

At the time proposed, first of the 11th month, the school was reopened, and 150 scholars, viz : 77 males and 73 females have attended most of the time. A few who were admitted, from ill health or other causes, having failed to come.

Our friends Charles Atherton and Gertrude E. Whittier as Principals, assisted by Edward G. Hoag, William L. Dean, Parmelia C. Varney, Lydia M. Neal, Elizabeth Prosser, and Charles F. Brownell as Instructor in Latin and Greek, have acceptably filled the places of Teachers. Mary Atherton has also been usefully engaged in the Institution. Our friends Levi Varney and his wife, acceptably occupied the stations of steward and matron during a part of the term ; but owing to the delicate state of the health of the latter, they were released at their own request, and Hannah Allen now fills the place of matron. Whether any additional assistance will be required in the domestic department remains to be determined.

By the conclusion of the Yearly Meeting the Committee may admit into the school, besides our own members, those connected with our society or who are being brought up as Friends, as well as members of other Yearly Meetings, when the accommodations of the School will permit. We are of the opinion that none should ever be received to the exclusion of our members, but that it is safe for the Yearly Meeting to confide to its Committee, appointed from year to year, a discretionary power to extend the privileges of the Institution, when they are not occupied by our own members, to those and those only who, they believe will be exemplary in their conduct and faithfully observe the requisitions of the School in all respects. As the cost of living and other expenses, are greater than they were at the time the existing prices were established, it is evident that some change herein is required, and we would propose, that the charge per Term should be \$36, for members of our Yearly Meeting ; \$50, when one or both parents are members of this Yearly Meeting, or the children are being brought up as Friends, or are sent at the charge of members of this Yearly Meeting, and also for

members of our Society of other Yearly Meetings, and \$64 for any others that may be admitted—that \$5 per Term additional charge be made for instruction either in the Ancient Languages, in French or in Drawing—payments to be made half at the commencement and half at the middle of each Term—books and stationery being furnished as last year at actual cost. With these prices and a careful economy, it is to be hoped that the current expenses of the school will be met.

We would propose that the summer term should commence on fourth day before the first fifth day in the fifth month, and continue until fourth day four weeks previous to the commencement of the winter term—that the winter term should begin on fourth day before the first fifth day in the eleventh month, and continue until fourth day, four weeks before the commencement of the summer term. We apprehend that a period of twenty two weeks continuous study, is as long as will be useful to the pupils or consistent with the health of the teachers, and that four weeks vacation in the spring and autumn will not prove more than is requisite for the proper preparation of the house, and other necessary arrangements for the ensuing term.

As the number to be admitted is limited to 80 of each sex, it will be necessary that the Committee should be seasonably informed of all in this Yearly Meeting that desire to occupy places in the school, in order that they may determine, how many others, if any, may be received. Applications should therefore in all cases be made seasonably to be laid before the meetings of the Committee held on third day before the first fifth day in the ninth month, for those who desire to attend during the winter term—and on third day before the first fifth day in the third month for those wishing to attend the summer term. Monthly Meetings desirous of occupying the privilege of the Charitable Fund are requested to send their applications in season for the meeting of the Committee in the ninth month, and to specify whether they desire it during the winter or succeeding summer term. All com-

munications respecting the admission of scholars may be addressed to one of the principal teachers.

The following regulation was adopted by the Committee in the eleventh month last viz: "It is expected that scholars will be at the school punctually at the commencement of the term, but if circumstances occur to prevent such attendance, notice is to be forwarded to the principal teachers, within one week of that time, stating whether or not their places are desired to be reserved for them. A failure to attend the school or to give the notice above specified shall be considered a relinquishment of the privilege, unless again admitted by the Committee, and in all cases of children being admitted for the term and attending the school, it is expected that payment will be made for the term."

The earliest age at which children can be admitted into the school as now established by the Yearly Meeting is eight years. We would suggest to Friends that at this tender age, they are not likely to derive that benefit from being placed in the Institution which more maturity would probably give. We also would remind Friends, that sending pupils for a less time than one term can confer very little benefit upon the scholars, and is a great interruption to the classes. We desire that applications for such admissions may be discouraged.

Early after the opening of the school in the eleventh month, there were several cases of serious indisposition; one of which viz;—that of Joseph H. Crocker, a member of Nantucket Monthly Meeting, a lad of about 16 years of age, resulted fatally, after an illness of a little more than two days. In reference to this solemn event the following minute was entered upon our records, viz: "In the removal of this dear young man by a sudden attack of inflammation of the stomach, the family and scholars were, we think, brought deeply to feel the uncertainty of life; and while we tenderly sympathize with his bereaved parents and friends, we are led to believe that the solemnizing effect of this dispensation may be blessed to those with whom he was associated, and lead them more and more to seek for preservation from Him with whom are the issues of life."

Near the close of the term, the scarlet fever prevailed to some extent among the scholars, producing much anxiety with parents and great unsettlement in the school. Many of the scholars were removed by their friends and the greater part of those that remained being desirous to leave, it became evident that little benefit would be likely to result from any attempt to continue the school, and the term was therefore closed about two weeks sooner than it would have been in ordinary course.

The Committee after solid deliberation came to the conclusion at the commencement of the term to re-establish the meeting for religious worship in the school house on first day mornings—and that the family and scholars should continue to attend on first day afternoon and in the middle of the week, the meetings of Friends held in the city of Providence. At nearly all the meetings held in the Institution some of the Committee have been present. They have been seasons of comfort to us, and we think it right thankfully to record our renewed sense of the Lord's goodness, and that He continues graciously to bless the concern and efforts to promote and secure in this school, the guarded, religious education of our youth.

We commend the Institution with all its prenent advantages to the increased attention of Friends.

Signed on behalf and by direction of the School Committee,
STEPHEN A. CHASE. *Clerk*,
Providence, 5th mo. 31st, 1853."

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Adjourned to 10 o'clock to-morrow morning.

Third day morning the 14th, the meeting convened pursuant to adjournment, the Representatives all present.

An Epistle from our brethren of the Yearly Meeting of London, holden the present year, was received and read at this time and is very acceptable to us. It is referred to the Committee on correspondence appointed yesterday.

The Meeting now entered upon a consideration of the state of our Religious Society as presented by the answers to the Queries that are annually propounded to Friends in relation to

their spiritual health. These Queries are not intended to be answered in a formal manner, but under a deep sense of their searching nature, and of the importance to us of their close observance. A fear was expressed that Friends did not sufficiently realize individually the application of each Query to himself and was not careful to bring it home to his own state and condition. As has been sorrowfully the case in times past, it still continues to be evident that there is not an abiding, practical sense resting upon the minds of all our members, of that dependence upon the mercy of our Heavenly Father—that continuing love of Him—that would prevent any neglect of the attendance at our meetings for the purpose of worshipping Him who created us—who preserves us—who blesseth us or causeth us to wither as it pleaseth Him—"Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart"—Does any one who realizes the force of this command doubt that it would be well pleasing unto Him for us to manifest this love before men by assembling with our brethren to wait upon Him—to bow humbly before Him the Omnipotent One—to beg of Him for preservation and for help? Does any one feel that it is safe for him to neglect this high and solemn duty and yet to expect the blessing of the Almighty to rest upon him! Does any one feel that that portion of our time which is necessary in order to attend our meetings appointed for Divine worship in the middle of the week cannot be taken from our secular concerns and devoted unto Him who alone grants unto us all the time that we are permitted to enjoy on His footstool, and who will call us from works to rewards whenever it pleaseth Him? Are we to expect the blessings of Heaven to be poured out upon us if we are neglectful of our duties unto Him from whom alone they come—preferring the things of this world and the treasures thereof, to the things that belong to our peace, and to the treasures of Heaven? Before our adorable Savior fed the multitude of old he required them to sit down together in companies—to place themselves in a situation to receive in order for him to bless them with the food that they needed; and it was feelingly

brought before us that as we are engaged in faith, and in fear to come before the Lord that He would be graciously pleased not only to bless us spiritually but temporally. The sacrifice formerly required was of the lamb without blemish, a whole offering—and as we are concerned thus to yield of our first fruits unto the Lord—as we seek first the righteousness of Heaven, He who knoweth that we have need of temporal things, who feedeth the young ravens and noticeth the sparrow, will care for us and supply us with all needful things.

The first Query like the first and great Commandment relates to our love to God, and the second Query, as the second commandment is like unto the first, and relates to our love one for another. Do we love God? We cannot then fail to love our brethren. “If thou love not thy brother whom thou hast seen how shalt thou love God whom thou hast not seen?” Can we realize the immense debt we owe unto God, and which he has for Christ’s sake freely forgiven us, and not be ready to forgive a fellow-servant all the debt he owes unto us? Shall we not be engaged to restore an erring brother to the path from which he may have strayed, and to heal him that is lame? “Brethren if any among you be overtaken in a fault let him that is spiritual restore such an one in the spirit of meekness, considering thyself lest thou also be tempted.” Much pertinent and pathetic counsel and exhortation were offered by concerned brethren, now in attendance of this Meeting, in relation to the all-important subjects embraced in these queries, which we desire may rest abidingly with us—and we humbly trust the prayers of the church have been put up in accordance with this exercise for the blessing of the Lord upon our absent members as well as those now assembled on this solemn occasion. Having proceeded with the Queries to the third, inclusive, the meeting adjourned to 4 o’clock in the afternoon.

In the afternoon Friends met pursuant to adjournment, and resumed and concluded the consideration of the state of Society by reading the remaining Queries and Answers.

During this engagement, under a solemn covering mercifully spread over us, tender and pertinent counsel was offered, en-

couraging Friends to a faithful maintenance of our Christian principles. Our vital testimony to the freedom of the Gospel Ministry, as it has ever been held by us as a people, was impressively brought into view, and we were earnestly exhorted in no wise to compromise it by attending the meetings of those who are in the observance of practices in their mode of worship which we have ever believed are not required or sanctioned in the spirituality and purity of the Gospel. Parents were entreated to train up their children in the way they should go, and not by a mistaken indulgence permit them in their tender years to be diverted from the simplicity of the Truth as held by us and as practically observed in our manner of performing divine worship. We were affectingly reminded of the peaceful death-beds of all those who have walked faithfully before the Lord and have maintained through life the character of consistent Friends. These have been able to testify that in thus living they have found peace, and that they were owned at this solemn hour by Him who is the way, the truth and the life, the one ever blessed and adorable Saviour who died for us and rose again, and who remains to be the living Comforter and Guide of all those that put their trust in Him.

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At the present stage of this meeting a very acceptable Epistle was received and read from our dear brethren of the Yearly Meeting of North Carolina, which is referred to the Committee on correspondence.

We are informed that our dear friend Cordelia Bayes has communicated to the women's Yearly Meeting that she apprehends she shall be released from religious service within our limits before the occurrence of our Yearly Meeting next year, whereupon we appoint Samuel Boyd Tobey, Stephen A. Chase, John Osborne, John Meader, Charles Atherton, John D. Lang and Samuel Boyce to unite with a similar Committee appointed in the women's meeting to prepare a suitable certificate on her behalf.

This Committee is also requested to prepare and present to

a future sitting minutes for our dear friends now in attendance of this meeting from different Yearly Meetings on this continent.

Adjourned to 10 o'clock to-morrow morning.

Fourth day morning the 15th, the meeting again assembled according to adjournment. Representatives all present.

A proposition from Salem Quarterly Meeting in relation to the issuing of advice by this meeting with regard to obtaining minute information in respect to the observance of the 4th Query was referred for consideration to our next Yearly Meeting.

Smithfield Quarterly Meeting proposes that the time of holding their meeting in the 2nd month at Worcester, be changed from 11 to 10½ o'clock A. M. with which this and the women's meeting unite—and the Clerk is directed to furnish that Quarterly Meeting with a copy of this minute.

The Records of the Meeting for Sufferings for the past year were laid before us and read and the proceedings of that meeting in relation to the various concerns that have claimed its attention were fully approved by this meeting, and the minute of that meeting on the subject of Slavery being fully united with is adopted by this meeting and directed to be printed, to be distributed among Friends and others, and the clerk is requested to attend to this service. It is as follows, viz :

“ The testimony of our religious society against the iniquitous system of slavery as it exists in some parts of our highly favored country which has now for a long series of years been dear to Friends, and, as they have believed, has been incumbent upon them faithfully to uphold, as a religious testimony, and to be borne on religious grounds, is we trust regarded by Friends as increasingly important.

It is and must be matter of grief and concern to Friends, that the tendency of the legislation of our country should be in any way designed to foster, perpetuate or protect this system

so full of evil, or that under any contingency any of us or our fellow countrymen, and especially those who are comparatively free from immediate connection with it, should be required by such legislation to aid in its support.

We believe that Friends are called upon faithfully to maintain the testimony to their abiding conviction that slavery in its nature and in its effects is wholly inconsistent with the principles of our holy religion, which teaches that "one is your Master even Christ and all ye are brethren." How different are its requirements from that divine precept of our blessed Lord, "All things whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them, for this is the law and the prophets."

A system thus characterized by evil is so entirely opposed to our religious profession, that we cannot sanction or uphold it in any degree, without at the same time being unfaithful and inconsistent—hence no compromises, no human agreements, no human enactments even, can render its support just or right.

We repeat—the testimony of the Society of Friends against slavery is a religious one and is to be borne on religious ground alone—with firmness yet with meekness—in humility, in love, in faith and with a single eye to our duty and accountability to Him who created us—with no view to worldly advantage or to please men, but with singleness of purpose as unto God.

We believe the testimony of Friends on this subject, consistently borne, is and has been in the hands of an all wise Providence, among the means by which, as it is to be hoped, the evils of slavery are to be done away. How important then that we be faithful herein. We are engaged earnestly to exhort all Friends that they continue to bear this testimony unflinchingly before the world, and against the requirements of slavery in all their forms, as well as against every measure calculated to strengthen or perpetuate this lamentable evil."

The Friends now under appointment (with the exception of our dear friends Isaac Lawrence and John Howland deceased) are continued to constitute a Meeting for Sufferings for the ensuing year, to act on behalf of this meeting in relation to the

concerns of our religious society agreeably to the original powers and organization of that meeting.

Adjourned to 4 o'clock this afternoon.

Afternoon—met by adjournment.

The Committee appointed last year to unite with similar Committees of other Yearly Meetings, to promote the general interests of our religious society, and to labor for the restoration of love and unity as they formerly existed among Friends, made the following Report, which was fully united with by this Meeting, and with fervent desires that Christian patience may be abode in, and that in the Lord's time we may be permitted to witness the general prevalence of that harmony and unity among Friends every where, which have heretofore characterised us as a religious body, and under a deep concern that we may individually be very watchful to guard well ourselves, and to seek in humility for divine help daily, we now release our Committee from further service under their appointment :

“ TO THE YEARLY MEETING :

The Committee appointed last year to unite with similar Committees of other Yearly Meetings, in conference, if way should open for it, Report :

That having as we trust been favored to feel the weightiness of the concern, and of our appointment under it, and increasingly so, as the time proposed for the meeting of the Committees drew near, we repeatedly met together, and sitting down and endeavoring to draw near to Him from whom right direction in our religious movements alone cometh,—our minds were solemnized together before him. And while every sentiment of our hearts was that of love, unity and sympathy with and for our dear friends of the Committees of the other Yearly Meetings who were about to meet, it was our conclusion that way did not open in the truth for us to meet with them.

We addressed to the conference the following letter which as it is expressive of our concern we make part of this report viz :—

“To the Committees of the Yearly Meetings of New York, Baltimore, North Carolina and Indiana, to meet in conference in Baltimore the 9th of the present month.

“Dear Friends—In view of the proposed meeting of the Committees of the several Yearly Meetings that have united in the appointment for the deeply interesting purpose of laboring for the restoration of harmony and love as they formerly existed among all the Yearly Meetings of Friends, the Committee appointed by New England Yearly Meeting have been solemnly engaged to know their duty in relation to this matter.

“After very careful consideration, and we trust humble seeking to know the will of the great Head of the church, way has not opened with us to attend the meeting at the present time. We are however drawn towards you in feelings of close christian unity and brotherly love. We earnestly crave that you may witness the presence of our Heavenly Father to be with you—that you may be endued with wisdom from on high, and in a measure thereof be enabled to offer such counsel, or to adopt such measures as will promote the great purpose of your appointment. Dear Brethren—our spirits are with you—our prayers are for you—our aspirations are fervent that your labors may be blessed to the Church.

“Accept the salutation of our love and sympathy which are freely offered you.”

“Providence 5th mo 3d, 1853.”

This letter signed by all of us, was forwarded to the meeting of the Committees, and received by them, and a report from them to the several meetings represented in the conference has, by their direction, been forwarded to us.

We consider this Report an important and interesting document, breathing the true spirit of the gospel, and calculated to promote the end Friends of the several Yearly Meetings have had in view, in the appointment of their Committees of conference,—and proper to be laid before our Yearly Meeting. It is herewith presented.

Our earnest desire and prayer to God is, that peace, harmony and brotherly love, the true fellowship of the disciples of Christ, may increase and abound again among us as a religious society.

ROWLAND GREENE,
JOHN OSBORNE,
DAVID BUFFUM,
JOHN D. LANG,
JOHN MEADER,
SAMUEL TAYLOR, JR.,
STEPHEN A. CHASE,
SAMUEL BOYCE,
SAMUEL BOYD TOBEY.

Newport 6th mo. 14, 1853."

"At a Meeting of the Committees of the Yearly Meetings of Friends of New York, Baltimore, North Carolina and Indiana* in conference at Baltimore in the 5th month 1853, the following Report was adopted to be forwarded to each of the Yearly Meetings represented:

DEAR FRIENDS:

Having been appointed under a lively concern, as we trust, to labor for the promotion of Truth, and for the restoration of harmony and unity, in our beloved Society, our hearts have been bowed under a sense of our own weakness and unworthiness, and of our inability to do anything as of ourselves.

Earnest have been our desires, that we might be favored with best help, that we might be permitted to see clearly what was required of us, and how we might best fulfil the objects of our appointment.

In the review of the state of Society which has been brought before us at this time, and the course which has been taken by the Yearly Meetings represented in this conference to remove the sorrowful condition of things which is acknowledged still to exist, we have been brought to the conclusion that they have endeavored faithfully to discharge their duty towards

*The Committee appointed by New England Yearly Meeting informed us that way did not open for them to attend.

their brethren of other Yearly Meetings who differ from them, and that no way opens for this Committee at the present time to recommend any further labor in that direction.

Under the conviction that we have labored to do all that has been required of us in the spirit of restoring love, let us be willing to leave the result in His hands who ordereth all things according to the counsel of His own will; while we continue to dwell under the concern, ready to embrace every right opening which may present to labor in so good a cause.

Seeing that these things are so, dear Friends let us turn our attention more carefully to our ownelves and our own Meetings. Is there not a work for us to do at home? Do not our own vineyards need to be cultivated? are we striving after that thorough change of heart, that entire dedication of soul which are so necessary to qualify us to labor availingly, as "the repairer of the breach, the restorer of paths to dwell in."

Does our love towards each other so abound that our examples, as well as words, give evidence of it? Does a lively concern for one another's welfare in the truth prevail? are our Meetings the precious opportunities they are designed to be? and is the accuser of the brethren cast out? In all that we do, are we careful to keep the eye single? are we striving so to watch over our own spirits as to guard ourselves and our Friends from the entrance of any wrong thing among us?

Our sympathies have been awakened towards those of our dear Friends within the limits of other Yearly Meetings who feel themselves burdened by the state of things around them. We desire for them, that they may dwell in patience, seeking to know what is the Lord's will concerning them, that nothing be done without solid reflection, and that they may always be found to be the friends of good order, and the supporters of our Christian doctrines and testimonies, and discipline; willing to wait the Lord's time for their release, trusting that nothing shall be permitted to harm them, so long as they be followers of that which is good.

Closely united as we have been favored to feel in the exercises

and travail which have prevailed during the sittings of this Conference, our hearts have been drawn out in love towards our absent Friends, with fervent desires that Grace, Mercy, and Peace may abound among them and us and be our portion.

Signed on behalf and by direction of the Conference.

HUGH BALDERSTON, *Clerk.*

Baltimore, 5th mo. 10th, 1853."

The Committee appointed last year to visit subordinate meetings, families or individuals, as way might open for it, presented the following Report, which is satisfactory to this meeting.

" TO THE YEARLY MEETING :

The Committee to visit Subordinate Meetings, families, or individuals, as way may might open for, Report :

That they have given attention to their appointment. During the year all the Quarterly Meetings have been visited, and the Committee's minute of appointment has been read therein ; and a feeling of satisfaction manifested with their company and services.

Several of our monthly meetings, and the families of Friends composing some of these, and the families composing some of our particular meetings have also been visited to the relief and peace of the minds of the Committee ; and as they apprehend, to the encouragement of Friends.

The Committee believe that usefulness would result from the continuance of a Committee, for further service.

On behalf of the Committee,

SAMUEL BOYCE,

ELIZABETH MEADER."

Newport, 6th mo. 15th 1853."

—and under a continued and renewed concern for the strengthening of the hands of those that may feel weak, and in near sympathy with our beloved friends who may be in lonely situations and connected with small meetings we now appoint the following friends to visit, if way should open for it, all

our subordinate meetings, and such families and individuals as in the ordering of truth they may be drawn unto, mingling with them in christian love—and report to this meeting next year, viz: Samuel Boyd Tobey, David Dudley, Benjamin H. Jones, Smith Battey, Rowland Greene, Jacob H. Vining, John D. Lang, Nathan Douglas, Gilbert Congdon, William R. Taber, Newell Hoxsie, John Osborne, Stephen Jones, William P. Howland, Thomas Grover, Edward Gove, John Meader, Winslow Hawkes, Lemuel Gifford, Moses Huntington, Jr., James Jones, Estes Newhall, Lemuel Jones, Joseph Taylor, Samuel Boyce, Stephen A. Chase, Isaac R. Gifford, Newell Ordway, David Kelly, Daniel Page 3d., Samuel Taylor Jr., Reuben Jones, Perez Peck, William C. Taber, Thomas S. Gifford, Daniel Taber, Joseph Metcalf, Timothy Hanson, Edward G. Dillingham, Thomas W. Thorndike, Charles M. Bailey, David Buffum, Edward Earle, Samuel Brown, Edmond Chace, Henry M. Minot, Alden Sampson, Joseph Taber, James McLaughlin, Elisha Jones of Windham, Benajah Buffum, William S Perry, Charles Atherton, Stephen Dillingham, Maltiah Gifford.

[Women's Committee.—Susan Howland, Avis Keene, Ruth H. Baker, Elizabeth Meader, Anna D. Wing, Abigail M. Hanson, Elizabeth Gove, Mary B. Farnum, Mary Shove, Lydia R. Kelly, Phebe R. Gifford, Patience D. Swan, Rachel W. Jones, Lucy J. Hawkes, Mary E. Breed, Elizabeth Gifford, Eunice Day, Hannah Pope, Ann Jones, Lydia F. Goddard, Rhoda Howland, Mercy K. Wing, Ruth Bassett, Ann Elmira Lang, Elizabeth Page, Hannah G. Sawyer, Sarah T Sampson, Elizabeth A. Osborne.]

The Committee to settle the treasurer's account made the following Report viz:

“TO THE YEARLY MEETING NOW SITTING :

The Committee to settle the Treasurer's accounts, &c. Report—that we have attended to that service and find a balance due the Treasurer of three thousand one hundred eighty five dollars twenty one cents. We propose the sum of two thous-

and dollars to be raised for the ensuing year, and the name of David Buffum for Treasurer.

MICAJAH C. PRATT,

On behalf of the Committee.

Newport, 6 mo. 15th, 1853."

—which is satisfactory to this meeting, and in accordance therewith our Quarterly Meetings are requested to raise their respective proportions of \$2,000 and pay the same to our friend David Buffum whom we appoint our Treasurer.

The Committee to select the names of Friends to constitute a School Committee, proposed that the Friends appointed last year should be continued with the addition of our friend Thomas Harkness, Treasurer of the school fund—which being approved by this meeting they were accordingly appointed for the ensuing year to act in conjunction with a similar Committee of the women's meeting in superintending our Boarding School to report to this Meeting next year.

[Committee, Samuel Boyd Tobey, Joseph Metcalf, Stephen A. Chase, Samuel Boyce, George Howland Jr., William C. Taber, Lemuel Jones, Caleb Jones, John Osborne, Edward Earle, John D. Lang, Alton Pope, Benajah Buffum, Tobias Meader, Alden Sampson, Samuel Taylor Jr., Rowland Greene, David Buffum, John Meader, William A. Robinson, Gilbert Congdon, Gideon C. Smith, Nathan Breed of Lynn, David K. Aiken, Thomas Harkness, Eunice Metcalf, Sarah F. Tobey, Oliva C. Oliver, Miriam F. Breed, Rhoda Howland, Mercy K. Wing, Lydia H. Jones, Jane C. Minot, Mary B. Farnum, Elizabeth A. Osborne, Ann Elmira Lang, Theodate S. Pope, Hannah G. Sawyer, Phebe H. Meader, Lucy J. Hawkes, Lydia Taylor, Eliza B. Boyce, Ann B. Earle, Lydia R. Kelly, Anna T. Dennis, Rachel S. Howland, Mary E. Breed, Susan Howland, and Mary Williams.]

A Testimony of Westport Monthly Meeting, endorsed by Sandwich Quarterly Meeting concerning our late beloved friend Anna Macomber was read, and being approved by this meeting, it was directed that it be recorded.

Adjourned to 4 o'clock to-morrow afternoon.

Fifth day afternoon the 16th, the meeting assembled according to adjournment. The Representatives all present.

The Committee on the correspondence Report, that they have taken the subject referred to them by this meeting in relation to the correspondence with those Yearly Meetings which for several years have declined to receive our Epistles into their solid and careful consideration, and that way has not opened at the present time to prepare essays of Epistles to those meetings. This Yearly Meeting is brought very solemnly to feel the importance of this conclusion, and a full and free expression was made in which there was manifested a feeling of love towards our dear brethren of those Yearly Meetings as professors of the same faith—engaged for the support of the same precious testimonies of Truth—and a fervent desire that the day might not be distant when in the free flowings of Gospel love we may be permitted again to resume and continue a correspondence which we have ever highly valued, and which, as conducted under right influence, tends to bind us together in the bonds of christian fellowship. With a desire that every opening for good, and for the restoration of harmony, may be embraced, this meeting now commits the subject to the meeting for Sufferings, that if in the wisdom of truth way opens for it, they may address the several meetings for Sufferings of Friends—manifesting to them the continued openness and love of this meeting towards our brethren of the two Yearly Meetings referred to, and explanatory of the reasons for our not addressing them at the present time.

The Committee of this meeting on the subject of Education made the following Report, which is interesting and satisfactory to us—viz :

“ TO THE YEARLY MEETING :

The Committee on Education Report :

That by accounts received from all the Monthly Meetings, there are, within our limits, of children between the ages of

4 and 16 years	-	-	.	-	-	1,079
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Between 16 and 21 years,	-	-	-	-	471
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Monthly Meeting School,	- - -	1
Preparative Meeting School,	- - -	1
Family Schools,	- - -	6
Friends children attending Friends Schools,		184
“ “ “ Mixed Schools,		1,023
First day Schools, kept the past year, under the care of Friends,	- - -	27
Average continuance of these schools, 5 months,		
Number of children attending the same,	-	626
“ of “ who are members of our Religious Society,	- - -	350

There are also within the compass of the Yearly Meeting, several schools, taught by Friends, and under their control, which are attended by the children of Friends in considerable numbers, but which are principally composed of those not members of our Religious Society.

In the minute of our appointment this Committee was encouraged to attend the semi-annual examinations at the Boarding School, but it is known to Friends, that, in consequence of sickness at the school, in the fourth month last, no examination has been had since last year, and it is mainly owing to this circumstance that no meeting of our Committee was held during the recess of the Yearly Meeting. Our several meetings at this place however have been attended with interest by a considerable number of Friends, and we believe that a concern remains lively and unabated in the minds of many amongst us, to promote the guarded religious and literary education of our beloved youth.

While we fully believe that the amount of literary instruction received by the younger members of our society at the present day is considerably greater than that obtained in former years it has appeared to the Committee to be worthy of the serious consideration of Friends whether the elevation of our standard is not an object towards which greater exertion and more persevering effort should be directed. Some of the youth amongst us are entering upon the duties and responsibilities of

life with a limited share of learning, while we are persuaded that their welfare as individuals, as well as that of our society, would be promoted, were the benefits of a substantial literary education more generally bestowed upon them.

The concern of our early Friends that the children of the poor should "freely partake of learning" evinced in some degree their estimate of the importance of the subject, and the good account to which many of our worthy predecessors applied their literary acquirements, and the benefits which, under the Divine blessing, resulted to us as a people, and to the cause of truth therefrom, afford to us cause of gratitude and thankfulness, and an example richly worthy of our imitation.

We cherish the hope that the Boarding School at Providence may continue to receive the fostering care and encouragement of Friends, and that their children may, as far as is practicable, enjoy those advantages for a guarded education which we believe it is calculated to afford. The adoption by the Yearly Meeting of the recommendation of the School Committee that pupils should be allowed to attain a maturer age than eight years, before they can be admitted to this School, while it meets our cordial approbation, afresh awakens our solicitude for the proper training of our beloved children, while under the parental roof, during this early period.

Their tender minds are then susceptible of impressions, and are prepared for the reception of counsel and instruction which will go far to mould their future destiny. At this critical age a large proportion of our children are in the attendance of mixed schools. We have desired that Friends, under a weighty sense of the responsibility that rests upon them, in the right training of their beloved offspring, may endeavor assiduously to guard them against the injurious influences which improper associations at school, during their tender years, are calculated to exert.

From accounts received at this time it appears that, upon the subject of First day Schools, Friends are manifesting increased interest. Eight new schools have been established.

since our last report. We believe that the influence of the kind of instruction imparted in these schools has been favorable, and that they have been productive of good to those who have attended them, either as pupils or as teachers. The difficulty of procuring a series of suitable books for the use of the members of these schools, adapted to the capacities of the children, and free from any thing of an objectionable nature, has, in many places tended to the discouragement of Friends engaged in this undertaking, and the Committee would respectfully suggest whether the consideration of this subject may not properly claim the attention of the Yearly Meeting.

In conclusion, we can scarcely forbear the expression of a desire, which has pervaded many of our minds, that all of us who, whether as parents or as teachers, are intrusted with the responsible duty of training the minds of our dear children, may seek to have our own hearts imbued with the love of our Heavenly Father, and may frequently apply to ourselves, as a test of qualification for this important service, the query addressed to Peter : ‘ Simon, son of Jonas, lovest thou me more than these ? He saith unto him : Yea Lord : thou knowest that I love thee. He saith unto him—Feed my lambs.’

Signed on behalf of the Committee,

HENRY T. WOOD, *Clerk.*

Newport, 6th mo. 16th, 1853.”

The Meeting for Sufferings is requested to give its attention to the suggestion contained in the report in relation to supplying first day schools with suitable books. The Committee are continued under appointment and this meeting desires their encouragement, and they are requested to report to this meeting next year—Charles F. Coffin Jr., of Salem Monthly Meeting, William Tucker, of Dartmouth, Abner R. Sprague, of Uxbridge, Daniel R. Bailey, of Litchfield, and Olney Thompson, of Dover Monthly Meeting are added to the Committee in place of those removed from the different Monthly Meetings, or appointed on the School Committee.

The Committee on the subject of the removal of this Yearly Meeting to a more central place for holding its sessions, made a Report, which was received and read. The subject was deliberated upon and discussed with much condescension and evidence of tenderness and love one unto another, and while many Friends believed the time was near at hand when it might be best for this Meeting to convene at a more central point, other Friends did not see it yet with clearness, and the judgment of the Meeting was that the further consideration of the subject be referred to our next Yearly Meeting.

Adjourned to 9 o'clock to-morrow morning.

Sixth day morning the 17th, the Meeting again convened at the appointed hour.

The Representatives all present. We appoint William P. Howland correspondent of New-Bedford Monthly Meeting in place of our late dear friend John Howland, deceased.

The Committee for that purpose prepared and presented to this Meeting a certificate for our beloved friend Cordelia Bayes, which is united with, and the clerk is directed to sign it on our behalf.

They also presented the following minute for our friend Nathaniel Sands, which is satisfactory to this Meeting, and the clerk is directed to sign it on our behalf, and also similar minutes for our friends Enos G. Pray, Joseph Haviland, Jemima Burson, Anna Thornburg, Sarah M. Hiatt, Mary S. Watkins, and Esther C. Weeks, viz :

" Our beloved friend Nathaniel Sands attended this Meeting. His company and religious services have been acceptable to us."

The clerk is directed to sign on our behalf the following minute for our friend Joel Gilbert, and also similar ones for our friends Rice Price, James Brown, Walter T. Carpenter, John P. Wood, Lydia Bell, Mary I. Hadley, Harriet Steere, Walter Denny Jay and Mary Jay, Elizabeth C. Underhill, Hannah S. Murray, and Rebecca Griffin, viz :

" Our beloved friend Joel Gilbert attended this Meeting. His company and solid deportment have been acceptable and satisfactory to us."

The Committee on the concern of this Meeting for the Penobscot and Passamaquoddy Indians, presented the following Report, viz ;

" TO THE YEARLY MEETING :

The Committee having charge of the concern of the Meeting for the improvement of the Penobscot and Passamaquoddy Indians, report—

That their situation has at different times claimed our attention, and recently two of our number have visited many of them at their homes and examined their farms and dwellings, enabling us from personal observation, with satisfaction, to inform that they are really improving in domestic comforts and in the cultivation of their lands.

Their personal appearance was more cleanly, and the dress of many of them, very nearly in conformity with that of their white neighbors. We passed through the different apartments of several of their best finished and painted houses, and found them comfortably furnished with the various kinds of furniture usually found in the houses of the whites around them, and generally in these examinations we were struck with the appearance of neatness and taste.

Their lands were also observed to be better worked than in former years and more of the labor was found to be performed by their own hands. Some of them have oxen and horses with which they do most of their ploughing &c.,—and a few of them have cows.

Their grass fields look well and promise an abundant harvest. Owing to the absence of their agent, we were not able to obtain the aggregate amount of their crops last year, but were informed that it was more than in any former year.

We have also the satisfaction of informing that in the course of the past winter there was a school among them of eight weeks duration, taught by an educated Indian, in which, it is said, the children that attended made good improvement. At the time of our visit a school was in operation on their Island, taught by a protestant female, in which were 18 children present, though 49 were on the teacher's list. We spent a few hours very pleasantly in this school witnessing the different exercises, and familiarly imparting such counsel and encouragement to both teachers and scholars as appeared likely to be useful, which was respectfully received on the part of the former and listened to with marked attention by the latter, who appeared to be making good improvement,—and most of them were well clothed and appeared cleanly in person.

The school is supported by a grant from Government and so well supplied with books that no pecuniary aid from the Committee appeared needful at that time, hence we have not drawn on the treasurer for the money appropriated last year by the Yearly Meeting in furtherance of the concern.

We think if the concern for the improvement of this interesting portion of the human family should so rest with the

meeting as to induce them to appoint a Committee to attend to it there would usefulness result therefrom. And should the meeting see its way, to adopt this proposition, we would propose a small sum, say fifty dollars, be placed at their disposal to aid in carrying out the concern.

On behalf of the Committee,
STEPHEN JONES,
JOSEPH TABER.

Newport, 6th mo. 16th, 1853."

—which is interesting and satisfactory to this Meeting, and the Committee are continued under appointment, and authorized to draw \$50 from the treasury and apply it in the manner indicated in the report.

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The Committee on the concern of this Meeting for the Indians located west of the Mississippi, made the following Report, viz :

"TO THE YEARLY MEETING.

We your Committee to whom was committed the concern of the Meeting last year for the Indians located west of the Mississippi, Report, that the subject has claimed much of the thoughts and concern of the Committee, with desires to improve every right opening, that may tend to encourage their improvement in civilized life, and also to believe that one is our master even Christ, and all we are brethren, and although way has not opened for any special action the past year, yet we believe it best to recommend to the Yearly Meeting to continue their care and concern still longer for this poor and needy portion of our fellow beings. All of which we submit.

On behalf of the Committee,

JOHN D. LANG,
Newport, 6th mo. 16, 1853. SAMUEL TAYLOR, Jr."

—which is acceptable and satisfactory to this Meeting, and the Committee are continued under appointment with desires for their encouragement, to embrace every right opening to benefit this interesting and injured portion of the human family.

Essays of Epistles to our dear brethren of the Yearly Meetings of London, Ireland, New-York, Baltimore, North-Carolina, and Indiana, were presented by the Committee on correspondence, and being approved the clerk is directed to sign them on our behalf, and forward them to those Meetings respectively.

In the Epistle received at this time from our friends of New-York Yearly Meeting we are informed,

That the address of John Knowles, Correspondent for Ferrisburgh Monthly Meeting, is changed to North Ferrisburgh, Addison County, Vermont.

Our friends of Indiana Yearly Meeting inform us in their Epistle that they have made the following appointments of correspondents, viz : Mark Mills, for Fairfield Monthly Meeting Indiana, in the room of David Whitson, who requested to be released. Address, Spring Valley, Marion County, Indiana.

Jesse Wilson for Backcreek Monthly Meeting in the room of Mathew Winslow, who has removed out of its limits. Address, Grant Post Office, Grant County, Indiana.

Charles Henshaw, for Three River Monthly Meeting. Address, Three River, Polk County, Iowa.

Henry Yount, for Mill Creek, in the room of Samuel Jay, who has requested to be released. Address, Union, Montgomery County, Ohio.

Gershom Perdue for Fairfield Monthly Meeting, Ohio. Address, changed to new Martinsburgh, Fayette County, Ohio.

Charles Stroud, for Springboro' Monthly Meeting, in the room of James Stanton, deceased. Address, Springboro, Warren County, Ohio.

Benjamin Thomas, for New Garden Monthly Meeting, heretofore addressed by the name Benjamin Thomas, Jun. Address, New Garden, Wayne County, Indiana.

The clerk is authorized to make any necessary extracts from the minutes, and sign them on our behalf.

We appoint our friends John Meader, Charles Atherton, Joseph Metcalf, and Stephen A. Chase, to unite with the clerk in making such extracts from our Minutes as they may deem suitable, and cause an edition of 2500 copies to be printed for distribution among Friends.

Having been favored through the whole course of this Yearly Meeting to witness an extension, as we humbly trust, of the mercy of our Heavenly Father towards us, renewed from time to time as we have come together, which we acknowledge with reverent thankfulness, and having been enabled to dispose of the various important concerns of the Church that have claimed our attention, in much love and brotherly condescension, we now solemnly conclude, proposing to meet again at this place at the usual time next year if the Lord permit.

Signed on behalf of the Meeting,

SAMUEL BOYD TOBEY, Clerk.

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At the Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England, held on Rhode Island, commencing with public meetings for worship at Newport and Portsmouth on first day the 11th ; and at Newport for discipline on second day morning the 12th of sixth month, 1854:

By the Reports received from our Quarterly Meetings, it appears that the following Friends have been appointed Representatives to this Meeting, viz :

From RHODE ISLAND—Rowland Greene, Joseph Metcalf, John Meader, David Buffum, Jacob Chace, Thomas S. Gifford, William S. Perry and Gilbert Congdon.

From SALEM—Estes Newhall, Stephen A. Chase, Samuel Boyce, Joshua Page, William Rogers, Jr., Nathan Breed, of Lynn, Herod Chase, Thomas Folsom and John Page.

From SANDWICH—Edmund Gardner, Lemuel Gifford, Isaac R. Gifford, Moses F. Rogers, George Howland, Jr., Otis Slocum, George Easton, David Kelly, John W. Gifford and Edward G. Dillingham.

From FALMOUTH—Thomas Jones, Abram Winslow, Stephen Swett, Henry M. Minott, Nathan Douglas, Caleb Jones, Elisha Jones, Ezekiel Varney, Jr. and David Winslow.

From SMITHFIELD—Thomas Grover, James N. Fry, John Osborne, John Milton Earle and Paul Aldrich.

From VASSALBORO—Stephen Jones, Daniel Taber, Josiah Philbrook, John Estes, 3d, Joseph Taber, John D. Lang, Edmund Cates, Ebenezer Frye and Josiah Jones.

From DOVER—Cyrus Bangs, Isaiah Frye, Benajah Buffum and Ezra Gould.

From FAIRFIELD—Samuel Taylor, Jr., David Douglas, William Farr, Alden Sampson, Caleb Hawkes, Levi Jones and Joseph Taylor,

whose names being called, they were all present except two—for the absence of one of whom a sufficient reason was assigned.

Having at this meeting the acceptable company of our beloved friends Nathan C. Hoag, of White Water Monthly Meeting, Indiana; John L. Eddy, of Greenwich Monthly Meeting, Huron County, Ohio; Joel Battey, of Ferrisburg Monthly Meeting, Vermont; Lewis Haviland, of Oblong Monthly Meeting, New York; Abigail R. Hoag, in company with her husband, Nathan C. Hoag, and Naomi Coffin, of White Water Monthly Meeting, Indiana—certificates from their respective meetings were presented and read expressive of unity with them as Ministers, and with their present religious engagements.

We have also the acceptable company of our beloved friends Elijah Coffin, who accompanies his wife Naomi Coffin; Reuben L. Roberts, companion to our friend John L. Eddy, and Richard T. Osborne, companion to our friend Lewis Haviland, who presented satisfactory testimonials from their respective meetings.

The London printed Epistle for 1853 was laid before us and read, and was comforting and edifying to us; and in order that the families within our limits may have the opportunity of perusing it, and commending its interesting and instructive contents to their serious attention, we appoint our friends William C. Taber and George Howland, Jr., to cause 3500 copies to be reprinted and forwarded to the several Quarterly Meetings, in the usual proportions, and report to a future sitting.

Interesting and acceptable Epistles addressed to us by our dear brethren of the Yearly Meetings of London, Ireland, New York, Baltimore, North Carolina and Indiana, were received and read, and we renewedly felt that this annual correspondence between those professing the same faith, as conducted under right direction, is very precious and calculated to strengthen the bonds of Christian brotherhood and love—and we appoint the following friends to take the same into con-

sideration, and as way opens for it prepare essays of reply on behalf of this Meeting and present them to a future sitting, viz :—Samuel Boyce, John Osborne, William C. Taber, Charles Atherton, Samuel Boyd Tobey, John Milton Earle, Stephen A. Chase, Gilbert Congdon, John D. Lang, John Meader, Eli Jones, Nathan Douglas, Benjamin H. Jones, Newell Hoxsie, Henry M. Minott, Samuel Taylor, Jun., John Page, Stephen Beede, Joseph Metcalf, Stephen Jones, Thomas Grover, Jacob H. Vining, Joseph Davis, Isaac R. Gifford, William S. Perry, George Howland, Jr., William A. Robinson, Moses H. Beede, Richard Battey, Thomas S. Gifford, Rowland Greene and Thomas Jones.

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By the Reports received from the Quarterly Meetings, we are informed that *Rhode Island* has united with Rhode Island Monthly Meeting in acknowledging the gift and approving the public appearances in the Ministry of Levi Almy, and in appointing Josiah Chace and Anne Mott, to the station of Elders—that *Salem* has united with Weare Monthly Meeting in dismissing Nathan G. Chase, from that station—that *Sandwich* has united with Dartmouth Monthly Meeting in the appointment of George Almy, Elizabeth Slade and Anna E. Almy, to the station of Elders—that *Falmouth* has united with Durham Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Stephen Varney, Charity Crossman and Mary Varney, Jr., to the same station—that *Smithfield* has united with Smithfield Monthly Meeting in acknowledging the gift and approving the public appearances in the Ministry of Smith Battey, and that *Dover* has united with Dover Monthly Meeting in acknowledging the gift and approving the public appearances in the Ministry of Mary T. Meader, and with Berwick Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Benajah Buffum, to the station of Elder.

Adjourned to 4 o'clock this afternoon.

Afternoon—Friends convened pursuant to adjournment.

Thomas Jones, on behalf of the Representatives, informed that they had consulted together and were united in proposing Samuel Boyd Tobey, for Clerk, and Stephen A. Chase, for As-

sistant-Clerk, which being approved by this Meeting, they are accordingly appointed for the ensuing year.

The Records of this Meeting for 1853, were now read.

The Report of the Committee on a change of place for holding this meeting, being referred by minute of last year to our consideration at the present time, it was now again read and accepted, and the Committee was released from further service in the case—and we now appoint the following friends, being two for each Monthly Meeting, to unite with a similar committee of the women's meeting to take the whole subject, with the facts presented to this meeting by its former committee, into their solid and careful consideration—and report their sense and judgment thereon at a future sitting, viz :

Stephen Chase, Jacob Mott, William Reynolds, Rowland Greene, Jacob H. Vining, Obadiah Chase, Thomas Harkness, Joseph Metcalf, Timothy C. Collins, Hezekiah Babcock, Samuel Boyce, Nathan Breed, Thomas Folsom, Daniel Beede, Herrod Chace, Joshua Page, David K. Aiken, Newell Hoxie, Moses F. Rogers, Edward P. Little, Edmond Gardner, David Kelly, Isaac R. Gifford, Benjamin Potter, Daniel Macomber, John Macomber, William C. Taber, Charles R. Tucker, Henry M. Minott, Caleb Jones, Nathan Douglas, Thomas Jones, Elisha Jones, Ezekiel Varney, Jr., Abram Winslow, Mark Knight, John Osborne, Richard Battey, Edward Earle, John Milton Earle, Reuben A. Wheeler, James N. Fry, John D. Lang, Ebenezer Frye, Stephen Jones, Eli Jones, Joseph Taber, Nathaniel Hawks, Cyrus Bangs, Walter Sawyer, Benajah Buffum, Isaiah Frye, Ezra Gould, Stephen Beede, Joseph Taylor, Eleazer Burbank, Alden Sampson, William Farr, David Douglas and Samuel Taylor, Jr.

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Adjourned to 10 o'clock to-morrow morning.

Third day morning, the 13th, the meeting assembled pursuant to adjournment. The Representatives present except one.

The meeting now entered upon a consideration of the state of Society as presented by the answers to the queries received

from the several Quarterly Meetings. The answer to the first query, as to the discharge of the paramount duty of worshipping our Almighty Father in Heaven, gave evidence as in former years, that there was with some of our members a neglect of manifesting their care to be found faithful in this engagement by assembling before men for this purpose—and deep and lively was the concern of divers brethren on this account. We were impressively reminded of our dependence upon God for every thing pertaining to this present life—that from His bounteous hand cometh every blessing—and that we are to render unto Him an account for all that He is pleased to intrust to us. “Brethren forsake not the assembling of yourselves together” was the injunction of the apostle—an injunction perpetually binding upon every believer in Jesus. Have we faith in God, without which it is impossible to please Him? Do we abidingly feel that He is not only a Rewarder of all those that diligently seek Him, but that it is His prerogative to shut His hand when it pleaseth Him and to withhold from us those blessings without which we must wither and perish? “Take no thought, saying, what shall we eat, or what shall we drink or wherewithal shall we be clothed? (for after all these things do the Gentiles seek:) for your Heavenly Father knoweth that ye have need of all these things. But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added unto you.” These were the Saviour’s own memorable words—will we not in faith receive them? Are we not willing so to put our trust in Him as to yield unto Him whatever he is pleased to require of us? Will we not heed the blessed invitation—“bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me now herewith saith the Lord of Hosts, if I will not open you the windows of Heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it?”

We were renewedly brought to feel that it is a reasonable service to meet together for religious worship in the middle of the week—to devote a portion of that time usually given by the world to secular concerns, to a public manifestation of a

sense of our dependence upon and trust in Him who alone is our preserver, by withdrawing from these pursuits and meeting together to worship Him—and we were tenderly entreated not to suffer ourselves to be diverted from the performance of this duty either by a love of the world and the things of the world on the one hand, or by a feeling of poverty on the other, which might lead us to believe that we should derive no benefit from the sacrifice, or that we have no offering to make that can prove acceptable. The declaration of our Saviour should be continually remembered for our encouragement “Ask and ye shall receive, seek and ye shall find, knock and it shall be opened unto you.” We were tenderly entreated to look confidently unto the Lord—to put our trust more unreservedly in Him—realising that the hour is near when we are to leave all things that pertain to this present life and to enter upon the realities of the life to come. Have we an evidence that we have passed from death unto life? Do we love God supremely and do we truly love the brethren? Those that can respond affirmatively to the first portion of this inquiry will find their hearts filled with love to their brethren—love to God and love to man are inseparable—we cannot love Him whom we have not seen if we love not our brother whom we have seen. Fervent have been the desires expressed in this meeting that our members in all their different locations may be renewedly awakened to a sense of the importance of the first two queries, that they may bring them home to themselves individually and answer them in that sincerity which a sense of our responsibility unto Him who knoweth our hearts is calculated to inspire. A concern was earnestly expressed that friends might be helpful one unto another—remembering that when one member suffers all the members suffer with it—and that, in that love which becomes us, we might take each other by the hand and in the ability that may be granted, help each other forward in our journey towards Mount Zion, as we are rapidly and inevitably progressing towards the termination of the journey of life. The daily reading of the Holy Scriptures in the family circle, collected for this important purpose and for solemn

waiting upon the Lord was feelingly recommended—with an expression of the firm belief that those in this practice do experience themselves to be strengthened thereby, and find therein true comfort and consolation.

Having proceeded with the queries to the 3d inclusive, the meeting adjourned to 4 o'clock, this afternoon.

In the afternoon Friends met by adjournment, and under, as we trust, a merciful covering of solemnity proceeded in the consideration of the state of Society by reading the remaining queries and answers. Faithful responses to these searching and important queries develope, as in former years, deficiencies in the support of some of our various testimonies, and a lively concern was manifest in the meeting on this account. All the different testimonies which our religious society has felt itself required to bear, we have no doubt are firmly based on Christian ground—and Friends were entreated not to shrink from a faithful support of them, although in so doing in relation to some of them we may be brought to appear peculiar and distinct from the world. The experience of this Society fully demonstrates that this very peculiarity has proved a hedge of safety about us and that loss has been sustained by those who have disregarded it. Friends were exhorted to undiminished zeal in the observance of those Christian practices which our Discipline enjoins—that the standard of Truth may be still faithfully upheld by us before the world.

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A proposition from Salem Quarterly Meeting in relation to the issuing of advice by this Meeting with regard to obtaining minute information in respect to the observance of the fourth query coming under consideration at this time, by reference from our Minutes of last year, and the subject of it having claimed our serious attention by the reading of the answers now received to that query, in consequence of a want of sufficiently definite information in regard to the use of spirituous liquors, it is the desire of this Meeting that our subordinate Meetings should in future make in their answers, a definite state-

ment as to the number coming to their knowledge (should there unhappily be any within their limits) who use spirituous liquors, except for medicine, and Friends are requested to be faithful in the exercise of our Christine Discipline on this subject, and in the answers to all our queries, our Meetings are requested to make them as explicit as is practicable, and the Clerk is directed to furnish our subordinate Meetings with a copy of this minute.

The Boarding School Committee presented their Annual Report, which was satisfactory to this Meeting, and the propositions thereof approved, and the Clerk directed to furnish copies of it to our Quarterly and Monthly Meetings. It is as follows, viz :

“TO THE YEARLY MEETING:

The Boarding School Committee report, That they have given attention to the duties of their appointment, during the past year, and according to ability afforded, have endeavored so to direct the affairs of the institution as to render it most conducive to the design of Friends in its establishment.

There were admitted for the Summer Term 114, and for the Winter Term 192 scholars—12 of the latter to supply the places of those who failed to come. Of those admitted, 106 in the Summer and 158 in the Winter Terms, attended the School.

Circumstances no doubt occur, which necessarily prevent a scholar from coming to the school after applying for and obtaining admission, but we desire to impress upon the minds of Friends, the inconvenience and often the loss liable to be sustained, when scholars who apply for and obtain regular admission, and who are included in the number which the school can accommodate, fail to come, and their places remain vacant, to the exclusion of others who are desirous of filling them. Embarrassment has resulted from this cause during the last year, and we consider it quite important that Friends in making their applications for admission of scholars, should bear these considerations in mind.

We have had the acceptable services during the year of Charles Atherton, and Gertrude E. Whittier, as Principals,

assisted during the Summer Term by Edward G. Hoag, William H. Varney, Lydia M. Neal and Pamela C. Varney, and as Teacher of Latin and Greek, by Charles H. Parkhurst;—Gertrude E. Whittier also, taught the French Language—and during the Winter Term by William H. Varney, Charles A. Smiley, Timothy B. Hussey, Anna McKeel and Parmelia C. Varney; and as Teacher of Latin and Greek, by William L. Dean, and of French and German, by Louise Parrot. Elizabeth Prosser has been Teacher of drawing and needle work through both Terms.

We believe the system of teaching under these instructors, has been thorough, and the government of the school firm and at the same time kind and parental. The progress of the scholars in their various studies has been generally satisfactory, evincing care and industry in both scholars and teachers.

Orderly deportment has generally been observed among the scholars, and a disposition cheerfully to submit to the rules of the school has been shown, with very few exceptions.

The plan adopted of placing the domestic and farming operations of the institution under the care of a Steward and Matron, has been continued in operation during the year, so far as circumstances would permit, and we believe these departments have been conducted as satisfactorily and economically as under any former system.

Attention has been given to promote the improvement of the farm and grounds about the house, and a generous offer by a friend to present the institution with a sufficient number of fruit trees to plant two or three acres of land and to attend to the planting of the same, has been accepted by the Committee, and the trees, as proposed, have been planted the present spring.

The extensive and thorough repairs which were put upon the buildings in 1852, have added very much to the convenience, pleasantness and usefulness of the school. It has been found necessary however to make some considerable alterations and improvements in the apparatus for cooking, in which at the time of the general repair alluded to no alteration was made.

A full supply of pure water in the institution is of great im-

portance, and the attention of the Committee has been given to this subject, and arrangements are made which it is hoped may secure this end.

Meetings for worship have been continued in the school on First Day mornings. These meetings have been frequently attended by members of the Committee. The deportment of the scholars on these occasions has been serious and becoming, and they have at times been seasons of much solemnity. On First Day afternoons, and in the middle of the week, the family attend meeting in Providence. Harmony has, during the year, been preserved among the various branches of the family.

Leave has been granted by the Committee to the trustees of Obadiah Brown's Benevolent Fund, to take copies of the minutes made by the School Committee, respecting our late beloved friends, Moses Brown, William Almy and Obadiah Brown, with a view to their being printed.

The family has during the year been mostly preserved in health, yet one member has been removed by death. Our esteemed friend, Hannah Allen, who died after a short illness of pneumonia, in the second month last. She bore her sickness with much Christian patience, looking in prayer as we trust to that source from whence alone true consolation and support come. Our friend had acceptably filled the station of matron, and at the time of her last sickness was in the performance of the responsible duties of nurse.

The accounts of the institution for the past year have been examined and settled, by which it appears that there has been received :

From the income of the School Fund,	-	\$6,710 40
From the Charitable Fund,	- -	460 00
From the Farm Fund,	- -	390 00
From Scholars, for board, tuition, stationery, &c.,		
including \$76 21, from sales of some small		
articles,	- - - -	10,316 00
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		\$17,876 40.
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The expenditures of the institution have been :

By the Treasurer, for fire insurance,	-	165 00
Interest on \$6,500 ; borrowed from the Farm Fund,		
\$390 00, and on other indebtedness of the		
institution, \$205 70,	-	595 70
Payments by the Principal for the support of the		
institution, including salaries, wages, supplies		
for the family, repairs and improvements, &c.	18,718 79	
		<u>\$19,479 49</u>

At the time of our last report the indebtedness		
of the institution was,	-	\$1,955 99
By the above statement of the accounts it appears		
that the income has fallen short of the expen-		
ditures, the sum of	-	1,603 09
Increasing the indebtedness, to the sum of		<u>\$3,559 08</u>

Beside the indebtedness of \$6,500 to the farm fund.

The excess of expenditures may be mainly attributed to the increase in the prices of nearly all articles of consumption, required in the institution.

In view of the above result, it seems not only prudent and proper but absolutely necessary to increase the price of board and tuition. And after much consideration we have concluded to recommend that the charge per Term should be \$40 for members of our Yearly Meeting—\$60 when one or both parents are members of this Yearly Meeting, or the children are being brought up as Friends, or are sent at the charge of members of this Yearly Meeting, and also for members of our Society of other Yearly Meetings—and \$80 for any others that may be admitted. That \$5 per term additional charge continue to be made for instruction, either in the ancient Languages, in French or in Drawing.

Payment to be made half at the commencement and half at the middle of each term—books and stationery being furnished as last year at actual cost.

We add hereto the following extracts from our report of last year, for the information of Friends, viz :—‘ As the number to be admitted is limited to 80 of each sex, it will be necessary that the Committee should be seasonably informed of all, in this Yearly Meeting, that desire to occupy places in the School, in order that they may determine how many others, if any, may be received. Applications should therefore, in all cases be made seasonably to be laid before the meetings of the Committee, held on Third day before the first Fifth day in the Ninth month, for those who desire to attend during the Winter Term—and on Third day before the first Fifth day in the Third month, for those wishing to attend the Summer Term. Monthly meetings desirous of occupying the privilege of the charitable fund, are requested to send their applications in season for the meeting of the Committee in the Ninth month, and to specify whether they desire it during the Winter or succeeding Summer Term. All communications respecting the admission of scholars may be addressed to one of the principal Teachers.

It is expected that scholars will be at the school punctually at the commencement of the Term, but if circumstances occur to prevent such attendauce, notice is to be forwarded to the principal Teachers, within one week of that time, stating whether or not their places are desired to be reserved for them. A failure to attend the School or to give the notice above specified, shall be considered a relinquishment of the privilege, unless again admitted by the Committee, and in all cases of children being admitted for the Term and attending the School, it is expected that payment will be made for the Term.’

In conclusion, we believe there is cause for encouragement for Friends still to avail themselves of the means for improvement which the Institution presents, and to continue to watch over and endeavor to promote its interests.

Signed on behalf and by direction of the School Committee.

STEPHEN A. CHASE, Clerk.

Providence, 5th Month, 30th, 1854.”

Fourth day morning, the 14th. The meeting assembled according to adjournment. The Representatives present except two.

The Records of the Meeting for Sufferings for the past year were laid before us and read, and the proceedings of that Meeting in relation to the various important concerns that have claimed its attention, were very interesting to us, and fully approved by this meeting. The address on Peace, prepared by that meeting, having received our full consideration is cordially approved and adopted, and our friends Stephen A. Chase, George Howland, Jr., and William C. Taber are appointed to cause 10,000 copies of it, (or such number as they deem suitable,) to be printed for general circulation.

The Committee on the Correspondence are requested to prepare minutes on behalf of our friends with certificates now in attendance of this Meeting from other Yearly Meetings.

Adjourned to 4 o'clock this afternoon.

Afternoon met by adjournment.

The Committee appointed last year to visit subordinate meetings, families and individuals made the following Report, viz:

“TO THE YEARLY MEETING:

The Committee to visit subordinate Meetings, families and individuals, Report:

That they have during the year endeavored to give such attention to their appointment as way has opened for.

All our Quarterly Meetings have been visited, and most of the other subordinate Meetings, and many of the families of Friends, and some individuals.

In these visits the Committee have met with a cordial reception, and there is ground for believing, that their labors have been to the encouragement of Friends; and we would propose to the Yearly Meeting, that the Committee be now released from further service.

On behalf of the Committee.

JOHN OSBORNE,
ABIGAIL M. HANSON.

Newport, 6th month, 13th, 1854.”

—Which is satisfactory to this Meeting, and the Committee is accordingly released from further service under their appointment.

The Committee on the concern of this Meeting, which has long been felt for the improvement of the Penobscot Tribe of Indians, embracing of later years, that of the Passamquaadda Tribe also, made the following Report, viz :

• “TO THE YEARLY MEETING NOW IN SESSION :

The Committee having in charge the concern of this meeting, for the improvement of the Penobscot and Passamquaadda Tribes of Indians, report, that their situation has from time to time, claimed their serious and deliberate consideration, and our influence has in various ways been extended to promote their improvement. The School referred to in our last report, was continued three months during the summer, and a portion of the past winter, under the supervision of the superintending School Committee of the town, and from the information received, the improvement therein made has been satisfactory and encouraging.

Unavoidable circumstances have prevented some of our number from visiting them, as they had contemplated, therefore, we are not able to furnish so definite an account of their situation as at some former periods. On behalf of the Committee,

STEPHEN JONES.

• Newport, 6th month, 14th, 1854.”

—Which, with the verbal communications made by the Committee, was interesting and satisfactory to this meeting, showing an advancement in civilization and education, especially with the Penobscot Tribe. Our Committee is continued under appointment and encouraged to attend to the concern of this Meeting as way opens for it—and the pecuniary appropriation made last year, not having been required by the Committee, they are at liberty to call upon our Treasurer for the same amount the present year, should they deem it proper to apply it.

[Committee—John D. Lang, Asa Jones, Stephen Jones, Joseph Taber, Caleb Jones, Moses Taber, John Meader, Nathan Douglas, Allen Wing, Alton Pope, Caleb Nichols, Daniel Taber, Samuel Taylor, Jr. and Eli Jones.]

The Committee appointed at a previous sitting to propose the names of Friends to compose a Meeting for Sufferings, presented the following, viz: Rowland Greene, Estes Newhall, James N. Fry, John Osborne, David Buffum, Perez Peck, William Reynolds, Joseph Metcalf, John Meader, Samuel Boyd Tobey, John D. Lang, Samuel Taylor, Jr., Edmund Chase, Allen Wing, Samuel Boyce, Joseph Taber, of Albion, Timothy C. Collins, Abraham Barker, of Tiverton, Thomas Harkness, Stephen Jones, David K. Akin, Stephen A. Chase, David Douglas, William Farr, William C. Taber, Tobias Meader, Micajah C. Pratt, Thomas Jones, George Howland, Jr., Benajah Buffum, Caleb Jones, Charles Atherton, Walter Sawyer, Alden Sampson, William A. Robinson, Stephen Beede, Gilbert Congdon, Richard Battey, Ebenezer Frye, Jesse Crosman, Henry M. Minott, Elisha Jones, of Windham, John Page, Charles R. Tucker, Lemuel Gifford, Nathan Breed, of Lynn, which being satisfactory to this meeting, they are appointed to constitute a Meeting for Sufferings for the ensuiug year—to act on behalf of this meeting in its recess in such cases as are contemplated in the organization and appointment of such meeting—and when members of the meeting are prevented from attending any of its sessions they are encouraged to make some communication to the meeting in relation to their absence.

A Testimony of Rhode Island Monthly Meeting, approved by Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting, concerning our late beloved friend, Elizabeth Wing, was presented and read, and was very satisfactory to us, bringing her sweetly to our remembrance—and with desires that her Christian example may be imitated it is directed that the memorial be recorded.

A Testimony of Rhode Island Monthly Meeting, approved by Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting, concerning our late beloved friend Hannah Dennis, was read and was truly satisfactory. Her memory is precious to us, and we are brought sensibly to feel that she has been with us as a Mother in Israel. It is directed that the memorial be recorded.

Adjourned to 5 o'clock to-morrow afternoon.

Fifth day afternoon the 15th, the meeting assembled according to adjournment. Representatives present as yesterday.

The Committee appointed to consider the important subject of a change of place for holding this Meeting made the following report, viz :

“ TO THE YEARLY MEETING :

The Committee appointed to take the whole subject of the removal of this Yearly Meeting, with the facts presented by former committees, into consideration report, that they have taken the subject into their serious, solid and deliberate consideration, and after a free expression of feeling and sentiment in regard to this highly important question, characterised by Christian harmony and brotherly condescension, they were generally united in proposing, and the proposition was acquiesced in by all, that this Yearly Meeting be removed to Lynn, and that its first sitting there be held in the year 1857.

On behalf and by direction of the Committee,

WM. C. TABER, Clerk.

Newport, 6 mo., 15, 1854.”

—Which was satisfactory to Friends generally, but in consideration of the responsibility of this meeting in relation to the property held by it in trust for benevolent, charitable and religious purposes, and the question arising whether a change of place for holding this meeting may in anywise invalidate this trust, no positive decision as to a removal was made ; but the Meeting for Sufferings was requested to make careful, legal inquiry upon the above question, and should it be necessary to procure any additional legislative enactments in relation to said trust property, it is empowered to endeavor to obtain them on our behalf and report to this meeting next year.

The Committee appointed at a previous sitting proposed the names of the following Friends to constitute a School Committee, which being approved they are accordingly appointed for the ensuing year to act on our behalf in the government and superintendence of the Boarding School, to report to this Meeting next year.

School Committee.—Samuel Boyd Tobey, Joseph Metcalf, Stephen A. Chase, Samuel Boyce, George Howland, Jr., William C. Taber, Henry M. Minott, Caleb Jones, John Osborne, Edward Earle, John D. Lang, Alton Pope, Benajah Buffum, Tobias Meader, Alden Sampson, Samuel Taylor, Jr., Rowland Greene, David Buffum, John Meader, William A. Robinson, Gilbert Congdon, Gideon C. Smith, Nathan Breed, (of Lynn,) David K. Aikin, Thomas Harkness.

[Women's Committee.—Eunice Metcalf, Sarah F. Tobey, Olivia C. Oliver, Miriam F. Breed, Rhoda Howland, Mercy K. Wing, Lydia H. Jones, Jane C. Minott, Mary B. Farnum, Elizabeth A. Osborne, Ann Elmira Lang, Theodote S. Pope, Hannah G. Sawyer, Phebe H. Meader, Lucy J. Hawkes, Lydia Taylor, Eliza B. Boyce, Ann B. Earle, Anna T. Dennis, Rachel S. Howland, Mary E. Breed, Susan Howland, Mary Williams, and Elizabeth Meader.]

The Committee on Education made the following report, viz :

“TO THE YEARLY MEETING:

The Committee on the subject of Education report, That accounts have been received from all the Monthly Meetings, from which the following summary has been compiled, viz :

Number of children within the limits of the Yearly Meeting,		
between the ages of 4 and 16 years,	-	1,114
Do. do. 16 and 21 do.	-	485
Monthly Meeting School,	-	1
Preparative Meeting School,	-	1
Family Schools,	-	9
Friend's children attending Friend's Schools, exclu-		
sively as such,	-	219
Do. attending mixed Schools,	-	1,191
First Day Schools kept the past year under the		
care of Friends,	-	30
Average continuance of these Schools, 5 months.		
Number of children attending the same,	-	787

A number of Schools wholly under the tuition and the control of Friends are attended by the children of our Society in considerable numbers, who are doubtless receiving in a good degree the benefits of a guarded literary education, but as these Schools are *principally* composed of those who are not in membership with us, the number of Friend's children placed there has been enumerated in the report with those who are in the attendance of Mixed Schools.

While the above account exhibits but slight addition to the number of our youth heretofore reported, who are obtaining an education in Select Schools, we have still reason to believe that the interest felt by Friends upon this very important subject is slowly but certainly increasing. The facilities now offered by the Boarding School, at Providence, are we trust, in a good degree appreciated by Friends, and we cherish the hope that they will continue to embrace, to their full extent, the advantages for the guarded education of their children which we believe it is calculated to afford. Three additional Family Schools have also been established since last year, and we are desirous of encouraging Friends to embrace such opportunities as may be presented, of opening schools for *young* children in individual families, or by uniting the children of several families—which may be favorably located for the purpose—into one school—and thus secure to their beloved offspring the means of acquiring the elements of a literary education, free from the injurious influences which associations in mixed schools, would, at this tender age, be likely to exert.

It also appears from the accounts received at this time, that the interest manifested by Friends upon the subject of First Day schools, continues unabated, and an additional number of children are reported as having attended these schools during the past year.

We would respectfully urge upon rightly concerned Friends, the importance of their attendance at these schools as regularly as circumstances will permit, thereby manifesting to the children their interest in the cause they are endeavoring to promote, and at the same time, exhibiting a concern that the schools may be properly conducted, to the honor of Truth.

The series of text books for the use of these schools, proposed by a Committee of the Meeting for Sufferings, to whom that subject was referred last year, will we hope, become general in our schools, so far as they may be useful to facilitate Scriptural instruction, and their adoption is recommended by this Committee.

We have at this time been afresh impressed with the importance of our children and young friends being more fully and faithfully instructed in the Scriptural foundation of the doctrines and distinguishing views and practices of Friends. Have we not reason to fear that a considerable proportion of our children are spending an important and most impressible period of their lives without obtaining a due knowledge of our Christian principles, and thus qualifying themselves to give with meekness, a reason for the faith that is in them. Timothy of old was commended in that from a child, he had known the Holy Scriptures in which he had been instructed by a pious mother, whose unfeigned faith is also the subject of commendation by the same Apostle. Might not the occasions which we trust that Friends frequently embrace for family reading and Scriptural instruction, be fit opportunities for showing to our children the entire accordance of our testimonies with the doctrines of the New Testament.

Although but little may appear to have been accomplished by us for the advancement of the cause of Education, yet we believe that it may be useful again to entrust this concern to a Committee.

Signed, on behalf of the Committee,

HENRY T. WOOD, Clerk.

Newport, 6th mo., 15, 1854.

—which is interesting, satisfactory and encouraging to us—and the Committee, with the addition to supply vacancies of our friends, Stephen Swett, Harrison Magoon, Goold Brown, Jonathan Nutter and Levi W. Hoag, are continued under appointment to attend the important service committed to them by this meeting—and desired to report next year.

Committee on Education.—Stephen Chace, George Bowen, Charles W. Earle, Jonathan Freeborn, Thomas S. Gifford, Abner Slade, James Dennis, Samuel Austin, Abel F. Collins, Timothy C. Collins, Joseph S. Nichols, David Rodman, John Page, Thomas W. Thorndike, Josiah D. Challis, Thomas Folsom, David Kelly, Stephen Dillingham, Stephen R. Wing, Samuel Brown, Moses F. Rogers, Abraham R. Wing, George Easton, George W. Francis, Abner Potter, Jr., Abraham Macomber, Adrian Davis, Henry T. Wood, William R. Taber, Henry M. Minott, Rufus Horton, Nathan Douglas, Isaiah Gould, Elisha Jones, John Cartland, Abram Winslow, Smith Battey, Thomas Grover, Enoch Hoag, Samuel H. Colton, John E. Fry, David Babcock, Joseph H. Cole, Charles Osborne, Robert Goddard, Elijah Winslow, Asa Jones, Joseph Taber, Walter Sawyer, Joel Bean, Cyrus Beede, Edward G. Hoag, Isaiah Frye, Albert C. Buffum, Moses Winslow, George Richardson, David Douglas, Daniel Shepherd, Alden Sampson, Jacob Pope, Charles F. Coffin, Jr., William Tucker, Abner K. Sprague, Daniel R. Bailey, Stephen Swett, Harrison Magoon, Gould Brown, Jonathan Nutter and Levi W. Hoag.

[Women's Committee.—Abby Dennis, Dorcas B. Robinson, Hannah Lawrence, Catharine C. Knowles, Phebe Reynolds, Sarah Slade, Amanda M. Buffington, Mary Ann Collins, Elizabeth Peckham, Lydia Pope, Anne A. Chase, Ruth J. Challis, Susan L. Brown, Sabrina A. Page, Mary J. Page, Elizabeth Dillingham, Rhoda G. Wing, Sarah J. Brown, Mary Shepherd, Phebe R. Gifford, Maria B. Smith, Lydia C. Earle, Barbara Gifford, Lydia C. Mitchell, Sarah M. Easton, Mary Gifford, Sarah H. Anthony, Sarah A. Earle, Roanna W. Grover, Anna K. Colton, Elizabeth Southwick, Rebecca A. Fry, Sarah C. Fry, Patience B. Winslow, Hannah V. Meader, Esther Jones, Elmira C. Sutherland, Mary Brackett, Nancy Cartland, Maria Pope, Eunice Day, Lavinia Fry, Phebe Taber, Patience Goddard, Rachel W. Jones, Hannah R. Taber, Elizabeth T. Cook, Abigail M. Hanson, Ruth Sawyer, Cynthia Buffum, Mary J. Hussey, Abigail C. Beede, Sarah Hoag, Phebe Taylor, Olive Wing, Betsy J. Bailey, Mary F. Bailey, Lydia Shepherd, Sarah W. Partridge, Abigail Wheeler.]

A Testimony from Vassalboro' Monthly Meeting, approved by Vassalboro' Quarterly Meeting, concerning our late, ancient and beloved friend, Stephen Nichols, was read—and is very acceptable and satisfactory to us—and it is directed that it be recorded—and with a view to extend to our members and others, the benefit to be derived from the perusal of the Memorials received at this time, with such as may have been heretofore received by this Meeting, not yet published, the Meeting for Sufferings is requested to cause such number as it deems proper, to be printed and distributed.

Adjourned to 9 o'clock to-morrow morning.

Sixth day morning, the 16th. The meeting again assembled pursuant to adjournment. The representatives present except three.

The Clerk is directed to sign on our behalf, the following minute for our friend, Nathan C. Hoag, and similar minutes for our friends, John L. Eddy, Joel Battey, Lewis Haviland, Abigail R. Hoag and Naomi Coffin, viz :—

“ Our beloved friend, Nathan C. Hoag, attended this Meeting. His company and religious services have been acceptable to us.”

The Clerk is also directed to sign on our behalf, the following minute for our friend, Elijah Coffin, and similar minutes for our friends, Reuben L. Roberts and Richard T. Osborne, viz :—

“ Our beloved friend, Elijah Coffin, attended this Meeting, His company and solid deportment have been acceptable and satisfactory to us.”

The Committee on the concern of this Meeting for the Indians, located west of the Mississippi, presented the following report, viz :—

“ TO THE YEARLY MEETING NOW SITTING.

The Committee having charge of the concern of this Meeting for the Indians located west of the Mississippi river, report :—

That they have endeavored to give attention to the object of their appointment, feeling a lively interest in the best welfare of this poor, unfortunate portion of our fellow beings, and an earnest solicitude that some way might open to do them good. But nothing has appeared within the past year to warrant any active service on the part of the Committee for their assistance. It is feared, however, that measures are in progress to unsettle and finally to remove them still further, (to quote their own language used in one of their councils on a former occasion with feelings of grief and dread,) "towards the setting sun and to the precipice, as the last foot of soil for the poor Indian to tread would be taken from them, so that they who were once like the sturdy trees of the forest, will be left to wither and fade as the tender grass of the field;"—and while the prospect of aiding this down-trodden people appears discouraging, we hope the lively interest and concern on their behalf, kept up for many years past, will continue to rest with unabated weight and care for them in future.

All of which is submitted, on behalf of the Committee,

SAML. TAYLOR, JR.

Newport, 6th mo. 15, 1854."

—Which was interesting and acceptable to us, and in view of the present situation of those tribes, in consequence of the recent legislation of our General Government, the sympathy of this Meeting for this oppressed class of our fellow men was fully expressed and with strong desires that we may be found faithful in embracing every opening and in making every proper exertion for their protection and relief, we appoint the following Friends to attend to this concern, and they are authorized to consult with the Meeting for Sufferings, should they deem it useful to do so, and that Meeting is requested to attend to the subject on our behalf, viz :—Stephen A. Chase, John Meader, Samuel Taylor, Jr., John D. Lang, John Osborne, Samuel Boyce, Samuel Boyd Tobey, George Howland, Jr., Eli Jones, Wm. C. Taber, Charles Atherton, David Buffum and Joseph Cartland, of Dover.

We appoint our friend David Buffum, correspondent of Rhode Island Monthly Meeting, in place of our friend Jethro F. Mitchell, deceased. Address—Newport, Rhode Island.

By the Epistle received at this time from our brethren of Indiana Yearly Meeting, it appears that the following changes have been made in correspondents, viz :

Levi Woody for Lick Creek Monthly Meeting in Blue River Quarterly Meeting, in place of Silas Dixon, deceased. Address—Paoli, Orange Co., Indiana.

John B. Picket for White River Monthly Meeting, in Blue River Quarterly Meeting, in place of Benjamin C. Diggs, deceased. Address—Winchester, Randolph Co., Indiana.

Eli Overman for Pike Creek Monthly Meeting, Northern Quarter. Address—Wappecong, Miami Co., Indiana.

Greenbury P. Wood for Red Cedar Monthly Meeting, in Salem Quarter. Address—Pedee, Cedar Co., Iowa.

The Committee for that purpose report that the London General Epistle has been re-printed and furnished to the Representatives for the several Quarterly Meetings.

Essays of Epistles to our brethren of the Yearly Meetings of London, Ireland, New York, Baltimore, North Carolina, and Indiana, were presented by the Committee on Correspondence, and being read and approved the Clerk was directed to sign them on our behalf and forward them to those meetings respectively.

An interesting and very acceptable Epistle from our dear brethren of the Yearly Meeting of London, addressed to us and issued the present year, was received at this stage of our meeting and read.

Our friends Charles Atherton and Gilbert Congdon are appointed to unite with the Clerk in making suitable extracts from the Minutes of this meeting and in causing an edition of 3000 copies to be printed and forwarded to subordinate meetings.

The Clerk is authorized to make any necessary extracts

from our minutes and sign them on our behalf, and he is requested to add a postscript to our Epistles to Baltimore and Indiana, communicating the concern of this Meeting for the Indians west of the Mississippi.

Having been favored satisfactorily to dispose of the various concerns that have claimed our attention, we are now about to separate for the present year, and we feel it right to record our grateful sense of the mercy that has been extended to us, during the various sessions of this Meeting, preserving us in unity and love—and under feelings of thankfulness to our Heavenly Father, we now conclude, proposing to meet again on this Island, at the usual time, next year, if the Lord permit.

SAMUEL BOYD TOBEY, Clerk.

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MINUTES.

At the Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England, held on Rhode Island, commencing with public meetings for worship at Newport and Portsmouth, on first day the 10th; and for discipline at Newport on second day morning, the 11th of sixth month, 1855.

By the Reports received from our Quarterly Meetings, it appears that the following Friends have been appointed Representatives to this Meeting, viz:

From RHODE ISLAND—Rowland Greene, Stephen Chace, Joseph Metcalf, Edmund Chace, Abner Slade, David Buffum, William A. Robinson, John Meader, William S. Perry and Samuel Boyd Tobey.

From SALEM—Estes Newhall, Moses Huntington, Jr., Samuel Boyce, John Page, Stephen A. Chase and Nathan Breed, of Lynn.

From SANDWICH—Edmund Gardner, Newell Hoxsie, Calvin Shepherd, Daniel Davis, Isaac R. Gifford, William C. Taber, Stephen Dillingham, John Macomber, Joseph Wing and George Easton.

From FALMOUTH—Thomas Jones, Nathan Pope, Henry M. Minot, Jesse Crossman, Stephen Cartland, Ezekiel Varney, Jr. and George P. Day.

From Smithfield—John Osborne, Charles Hadwen, John E. Fry,
John Milton Earle and Paul Aldrich.

From VASSALBORO'—John D. Lang, Stephen Jones, Eli Jones,
Timothy Hanson, James Jones, Edmund White-
house, James Van Blarcum and Josiah Jones.

From DOVER—Benajah Buffum, Ezra Gould, Jacob K. Purinton,
Albert C. Buffum and Timothy Hanson.

From FAIRFIELD—Allen Wing, Alden Sampson, David Douglas,
William Farr, Joseph Taylor and Charles M.
Bailey—

whose names being called, they were present, except seven, for the absence of five of whom sufficient reasons were assigned.

Having at this meeting the acceptable company of our beloved friends Thomas Willis, of Westbury and Jericho Monthly Meeting; Nanthaniel Sands, of Cornwall Monthly Meeting, New York; David Hunt, of Goshen Monthly Meeting—of Indiana Yearly Meeting; Isaac Jay, of Mississinawa Monthly Meeting, Indiana; Mary Ann Fisher, of Scipio Monthly Meeting, New York; and Phebe Bishop, of Norwich Monthly Meeting, Canada West; certificates from their respective meetings, expressive of unity with them as ministers, and with their present religious engagements, were presented and read.

We have also the acceptable company of our beloved friends, Luke Thomas, companion to our friend Isaac Jay, William P. Barker and Sarah T. Barker, companions to our friend Phebe Bishop, Sarah Ann Hunt, who accompanies her husband, David Hunt, and of Eli Haines, an Elder, and have received satisfactory testimonials from their several meetings.

The London Printed Epistle of 1854 was read at this time, and was interesting and edifying to us, and desiring to afford to Friends generally, within our limits, an opportunity of perusing it, and commending the excellent practical counsel and doctrine contained in it to their careful attention, we appoint our friends, George Howland, Jr., and William C. Taber, to

procure the re-printing of 3,500 copies to be placed in the hands of the representatives for distribution among our Quarterly Meetings, and the Committee is requested to report to a future sitting.

Interesting and very acceptable epistles addressed to this meeting by our dear brethren of the Yearly Meetings of London, Ireland, New York, Baltimore, North Carolina and Indiana, were received and read, and these salutations of love, as in former times, are comforting and encouraging to us. Several of these communications contained the information that there had been presented to them two epistles, both purporting to emanate from Ohio Yearly Meeting, and referring us to accompanying documents to show upon what grounds they had severally come to the judgment to accept and respond to the Epistle signed by Jonathan Binns, as clerk. These documents have been read at this time, and this meeting, under a covering of much solemnity, after a very full expression, with entire unity, decided to accept and read an epistle now offered to us, signed by Jonathan Binns, as Clerk of Ohio Yearly Meeting, and we do acknowledge this body of Friends as the true Yearly Meeting of Ohio, and as brethren with whom we have unity. The painful circumstances detailed in this Epistle, and the difficulties and trials to which Friends in Ohio have been subjected for many years, called forth an expression of deep sympathy from this meeting, with a fervent desire that they may be enabled to look unto and receive from the adorable Head of the Church that wisdom, and strength, and comfort which come from Him alone—and it is, we trust, with humble gratitude we resume our correspondence with Ohio Yearly Meeting, so long interrupted by causes set forth in the Epistle now received from that body, which we refer, with the other Epistles addressed to this meeting, to the following friends to prepare essays of reply, and present them at a future sitting, viz: John Meader, Samuel Boyd Tobey, Samuel Boyce, John D. Lang, Stephen A. Chase, William C. Taber, John Osborne, David Buffum, Gilbert Congdon, Charles Atherton, James Van Blarcum, Moses H.

Beede, Samuel Taylor, Jr., Joseph Davis, Rowland Greene, John Page, Newell Hoxie, Benjamin H. Jones, Alden Sampson, Joseph Metcalf, Nathan Douglas, Caleb Jones, Thomas S. Gifford, Stephen Jones, Josiah Holmes, Jr., Thomas Harkness, William A. Robinson, Charles R. Tucker, James Jones, Nathan Breed, John E. Fry, Jacob H. Vining, Isaac R. Gifford, Thomas Grover and Joseph C. Peckham.

Adjourned to 4 o'clock this afternoon.

AFTERNOON—Met pursuant to adjournment.

Rowland Greene, on behalf of the Representatives, informed the meeting that they were united in proposing Samuel Boyd Tobey, for Clerk, and Stephen A. Chase, for Assistant Clerk, which being approved, they were appointed to those stations for the ensuing year.

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By the Reports received from the Quarterly Meetings, we are informed that *Rhode Island* has united with Swanzey Monthly Meeting, in the appointment of Joseph Estes and Eunice Estes to the station of Elders; that *Falmouth* has united with Windham Monthly Meeting in acknowledging the gift and approving the public appearances in the ministry of Eunice Day; with Durham Monthly Meeting in acknowledging the gift and approving the public appearances in the ministry of Joshua Douglas, and with Limmington Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Naomi S. Parker and Anna Millikin to the station of Elders; that *Smithfield* has united with Uxbridge Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Charles Hadwen, Joseph Gaskill, and Phebe Pond to the same station; that *Vassalboro* has united with China Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Josiah Jones, to the station of Elder, and with the same meeting in acknowledging the gift and approving the public appearances in the ministry of James Van Blarcum, accidentally omitted to be communicated to this meeting in their report in 1853; that *Fairfield* has united with St. Alban's Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Mary Sanford to the station of an Elder, and in

acknowledging the gift and approving the public appearances in the ministry of Eunice Winslow.

The Boarding School Committee presented their annual report, which was read and accepted; and we appoint the following Friends to take the whole subject of the affairs of the school into their solid and careful consideration, and report their views and judgment at a future sitting of this meeting; and also to propose the names of Friends to constitute a School Committee for the ensuing year, viz.: Thomas Harkness, Allen Wing, Samuel Boyd Tobey, William P. Howland, Joseph Taylor, Ebenezer Fry, William Mitchell, John E. Fry, Stephen Dillingham, Richard Battey, Henry M. Minott, Abner Slade, Stephen A. Chase, Ezra Gould, Daniel Beede, Samuel Boyce, Jesse Crossman, Joseph Cartland, William C. Taber, Isaiah Pope, Effingham L. Capron, Isaac R. Gifford, George Howland, Jr., William Farr, Eli Jones, Stephen Jones, Joseph Taber, Caleb Jones, William A. Robinson, Moses Huntington, Jr., John D. Lang, Samuel Taylor, Jr., David Buffum, David Kelly, Joseph Metcalf, Moses Sawyer, Daniel Page, Calvin Shepherd, William S. Boyce, Micajah C. Pratt, Albert C. Buffum, John Osborne and Perez Peck.

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Adjourned to ten o'clock, to-morrow morning.

THIRD DAY MORNING, the 12th, the Meeting assembled accordingly to adjournment. The Representatives present except five.

The Meeting entered upon a consideration of the state of Society by reading the queries and the answers received from our subordinate meetings, and proceeded therein to the third inclusive. In this important engagement we were made reverently thankful for the solemn covering spread over us, and the evidence graciously afforded of faithful servants being qualified to impart salutary and awakening counsel and warning on account of deficiencies which still appear as spots upon us that need to be removed. The worship of our Heavenly Father,

which is first queried after, being a service of the most vital import, called forth much exercise to encourage all to a due consideration of its imperative nature upon every one of his created beings, all of whom are wholly dependent upon the daily extension of his abundant and unmerited mercies. "I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God,"—*by the mercies of God*,—"that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service." How strong is this appeal of the apostle to his fellow believers, in reminding them of the mercies of God as an incentive to the performance of this great and necessary duty; and *we* are equally called upon by the same consideration to present *our* bodies a living sacrifice that may be accepted by Him. We are not only required to assemble together for the purpose of worship, but we are not to expect to receive his blessing unless we are engaged to meet in a right way, and under a right concern, *in His name*. Then may we hope to meet the blessed Master. Then may we expect his promise to be verified that He will be in the midst of us. Then will our meetings become to us seasons of pure and holy enjoyment—seasons of refreshment—seasons in which we shall know our strength to be renewed. The importance of example on the part of those more advanced in life in manifesting to the younger, that they not only *attend* all our religious meetings, but that they are engaged to do so in a true spirit of devotion, was feelingly dwelt upon, and we were exhorted to be engaged, to be helpful one unto another in encouraging to the performance of this high duty. The examples of our forefathers, in the public worship of God, under great and varied difficulties, was brought instructively before us, and we were entreated to follow them, in this respect. As we meet aright we were reminded that these opportunities would become most desirable and precious to us—that we should rejoice on their recurrence, and should be prepared to say with the Psalmist, "I was glad when they said unto me, Let us go into the house of the Lord," and we should realize that to be permitted to worship and adore

Him is our highest privilege for the present life—our holiest hope for eternity; and that no one as he approached the termination of his pilgrimage on earth ever yet was found that felt any regret for the time he had devoted to the performance of religious duty, especially the worship of God. The importance of a frequent and daily reading of the Holy Scriptures was feelingly dwelt upon—its unspeakable benefits clearly set forth. We have not only Moses and the Prophets, but the further revelation that God has given us of his Son, as contained in the New Testament. These belong to us and to our children. If we prize not these, if we believe not these, neither would we believe though one should rise from the dead, and the charge remains imperative, ye shall teach them diligently to your children.

Adjourned to four o'clock this afternoon.

In the afternoon, Friends again met and proceeded to read the remaining Queries and Answers. During this engagement much pertinent counsel was offered, encouraging Friends affectionately to watch over one another for good, to cultivate freedom of intercourse with each other, so that the younger may approach their older brethren in confidence, and be received with openness and cordiality, and that where any, from whatever cause, may depart from the wholesome order of our religious Society, that they may be so treated in restoring love that they may not be turned still further out of the way, but rather that they may be healed.

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The Committee on Correspondence is requested to prepare essays of returning minutes for our friends now in attendance of this meeting, with certificates from other Yearly Meetings, and present them at a future sitting.

Adjourned to ten o'clock, to-morrow morning.

FOURTH DAY MORNING, the 13th, the Meeting assembled according to adjournment. Representatives present except six.

The Records of the Meeting for Sufferings for the past year were laid before us and read, and the proceedings of that Meeting in the various concerns that have claimed its attention, were approved by us, and the Friends appointed last year (with the exception of our Friend, Abraham Barker, deceased,) are continued to constitute a Meeting for Sufferings for the ensuing year, and they are requested to act on our behalf, on all matters affecting the interests of Society, agreeably to the original organization of that meeting, as provided for in our Discipline.

The subject of making some provision whereby assistance may be extended to Friends concerned to attend this Yearly Meeting, whose circumstances may render it difficult for them to do so, claiming our attention, it is referred to the Meeting for Sufferings to act therein as way may open for after a careful consideration of the matter.

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The Committee on the concern of this Meeting for the Indians, located west of the Mississippi, presented the subjoined report, which was interesting and satisfactory, and claimed our solid consideration, and a feeling concern was manifested that we might be diligent in doing everything that may rightly be done to discharge our duty to this suffering portion of our fellow men.

The Committee is continued under appointment, and requested to act on our behalf in every way that may open in the Truth; and they are authorized to proceed in this concern, either alone or in conjunction with Committees of other Yearly Meetings, should such be appointed by them, and report to this Meeting, next year. The Clerk is requested to convey this information in the epistles to the several Yearly Meetings.

"TO THE YEARLY MEETING.

The Committee appointed last year to have charge of the concern of the Yearly Meeting, in relation to the Indians west of the Mississippi river, report

That they have not been unmindful of the subject. Circumstanced as these native inhabitants, and original owners of the soil, now are, in relation to the tide of emigration flowing in upon them, both from the east and from the west, we believe they present an increasingly interesting object for commiseration and Christian sympathy.

A great responsibility lies upon the inhabitants of our land, and the government of our country, for the wrongs of the Indians. In the report of the Commissioner of Indian Affairs, made at the last session of Congress, we find the following language:

"In the recent negotiations for their lands the Indians dwelt upon the former pledges and promises made to them, and were averse, generally, to the surrender of any portion of their country. They said that they were to have the land 'as long as grass grew or water run,' and they feared the result if they should consent to yield any part of their possessions. When they did consent to sell, it was only on the condition that each tribe should retain a portion of their tract as a permanent home. All were unitedly and firmly opposed to another removal. So fixed and settled was this idea, that propositions clearly for their interests, were rejected by them."

It is no cause of wonder or surprise that the Indians should feel and manifest these distrustful views. The history of their dealings with the white man, has too deeply taught them this lesson of distrust.

We think we cannot better convey the present prospects of many of the tribes, particularly those within the territory of Kansas, than by quoting farther from the report of the Commissioner of Indian Affairs, before referred to, as follows, viz.:

“The residence of the tribes who have recently ceded their lands should, therefore, be considered (subject in a few cases to a contraction of limits) as permanently fixed. Already the white population is occupying the lands between and adjacent to the Indian reservations, and even going west of and beyond them; and at no distant day all the country immediately to the west of the reserves, which is worth occupying, will have been taken up. And then the current of population, until within a few years, flowing only from the East, now comes sweeping like an avalanche from the Pacific coast, almost overwhelming the indigenous Indians in its approaches. It is, therefore, in my judgment, clear, beyond doubt or question, that the emigrated tribes in Kansas Territory are permanently there—there to be thoroughly civilized, and to become a constituent portion of the population, or there to be destroyed and exterminated. What a spectacle for the view of the statesman, philanthropist, and Christian—a subject for the most profound consideration and reflection! With reservations dotting the eastern portion of the Territory, there they stand, the representatives and remnants of tribes once as powerful and dreaded as they are now weak and dispirited. By alternate persuasion and force, some of these tribes have been removed, step by step, from mountain to valley, and from river to plain, until they have been pushed half way across the continent. They can go no further; on the ground they now occupy the crisis must be met, and their future determined. Among them may be found the educated, civilized, and converted Indian, the benighted and inveterate heathen, and every intermediate grade. But there they are, and as they are, with outstanding obligations in their behalf of the most solemn and imperative character, voluntarily assumed by the government. Their condition is a critical one; such as to entitle them not only to the justice of the government, but to the most profound sympathy of the people. Extermination may be their fate, but not of necessity. By a union of good influences and proper effort, I believe they may, and will, be saved, and their complete civilization effected.”

Such are the views presented respecting this interesting people by the officer of the government charged with the supervision of their affairs. The question then is an interesting one to Friends, what action or influence they can bring to bear upon the right side, on the side of humanity and Christian principles towards this people.

From New England, there have gone already many to settle in Kansas, and more will likely follow, to become the neighbors of these Indians. Much will depend upon the influence which these emigrants exert when there, and Friends in their respective neighborhoods may call the attention of such to the important considerations involved in the case. We cannot but hope that the principles of justice and mercy which, as we would believe prevail in New England, may be carried West, by those who go from this part of the country, and that these principles may be felt in their intercourse with the Indians, and in the legislation of the territory.

We trust also that it is in the power of Friends to exert an influence with the government of our country, with members of Congress and other persons in authority with whom they may be acquainted, and to induce them to do what they can to protect and foster the best interests of the Indians.

As a nation "we have," in the language of the Commissioner of Indian affairs, "to some extent, taken possession of the lands of these Indians, driven them from their cherished resting places, and destroyed the game, their only means of support. We should now aid and teach them to live without this resource or their destruction is inevitable."

The action of the Committee has been limited to some efforts with members of Congress, and with some who have influence in Kansas, and to correspondence with a friend resident in the territory.

From this correspondence, we think it will be interesting to Friends to have the following extracts: "The Indians of Kansas constitute one of its most striking and interesting features. There are about ten thousand within that portion of the terri-

tory, which will probably constitute the State of Kansas, consisting of the Kickapoos, Delawares, Wyandots, Shawnees, Peorias, Ottaways, Osages, Kansas, Sack and Foxes, Miamies, Pottowotames, and some fragments of other tribes now nearly extinct. They are located on reservations all over the territory. The Shawnees, I believe, are differently situated from any others. By the late treaty with the United States Government, they are to have individual reservations, and the whites will be mingled among them. What the result of this intermingling will be upon the Indians, will depend upon the character of the settlers, and the laws regulating their conduct towards the Indians. I feel a deep and painful solicitude for the Indians in Kansas generally, in view of their being mingled up and surrounded by the whites. Lasciviousness, induced and fostered by worthless white men, and the love of ardent spirits, are their besetting sins, and under the direful influence of these evils, they are rapidly passing away. Every tribe, so far as I know, is decreasing, except the Ottoways, who banished liquor from their borders a few years ago, and since that time have been increasing."

In another part of this correspondence the Friend writes—"The only hope of salvation to the Indian from speedy extinction, is to become sober and civilized, and for this end I feel impelled to labor. None of the tribes which I have mentioned in this letter can any longer obtain a living by the chase, and the time is near at hand, when they must till the soil or perish. And here the question arises, how are they to be saved from speedy ruin? To my mind, nothing will accomplish the work but zealous Christian effort. Christians must be more devoted to earnest missionary labor."

Such are the views of those most familiar with this painfully interesting subject. We have embodied them in this report, that the Yearly Meeting might be aware of the present circumstances of this people, on whose account they have for many years been interested, and might now seek to know if any way

is open in the truth for Friends to labor for the best interests of a race for whom the Society has been long interested.

Signed on behalf of the Committee,

STEPHEN A. CHASE.

NEWPORT, 6th month, 12th, 1855."

Adjourned to 4 o'clock this afternoon.

AFTERNOON—Met according to adjournment.

The Committee to whom was referred the Report of the Boarding School Committee, and the consideration of the affairs of the Institution generally, made the following Report, viz :

"TO THE YEARLY MEETING.

The Committee appointed to take into consideration the propositions made by the School Committee in their Report, and the affairs of the Boarding School generally, have met twice, and after a very free and full interchange of sentiment in relation to the several matters referred to them, have united in reporting to the Yearly Meeting for their adoption, the following propositions, viz :

That the proposal of the School Committee respecting the indebtedness of the School Funds to the fund for the improvement of the real estate, called the farm fund, be approved, and the said indebtedness be discharged.

That the School Committee to be appointed by the Yearly Meeting at this time, be directed to look towards the opening of the School at the commencement of the winter term, and to make arrangements, so far as may be practicable, for such opening.

That Monthly Meetings take care, by committees, that suitable enquiries be made as to the fitness of scholars, proposing to enter the school, belonging to their respective meetings, and to such as said committees shall approve to give certificates, which certificates shall be required by the School Committee in order for admission.

That the charge per term be \$40 for members of our Yearly

Meeting; \$60 when one or both parents are members of this Yearly Meeting, or the children are being brought up as Friends, or are sent at the charge of members of this Yearly Meeting, and also for members of our Society of other Yearly Meetings; and \$100 for any others that may be admitted. That \$5 per term additional charge continue to be made for instruction, either in the ancient languages, in French or in Drawing. Books and stationery being furnished as last year, at actual cost. It is desired that payment for each term be made in advance, but if in any case this is not practicable, one half to be made at the commencement, and the balance at the middle of the term.

Applications for admission into the School, and for the benefit of the Charitable Fund, to be made as directed in the report of last year. Address, Superintendant Friend's Boarding School, Providence, R. I.

Appended is a list of the names of Friends proposed to constitute the School Committee for the ensuing year.

By direction of the Committee,

WM. C. TABER, *Clerk.*

NEWPORT, 6th mo. 14, 1855."

Which is satisfactory, and our friends Samuel Boyd Tobey, Joseph Metcalf, Stephen A. Chase, Samuel Boyce, George Howland, Jr., William C. Taber, Henry M. Minot, Caleb Jones, John Osborne, Edward Earle, John D. Lang, Ebenezer Fry, Benajah Buffum, Tobias Meader, Alden Sampson, Samuel Taylor, Jr., Rowland Greene, David Buffum, John Meader, William A. Robinson, Gilbert Congdon, Gideon C. Smith, Nathan Breed, of Lynn, Thomas Harkness and James Dennis.

[*Women's Committee.*—Eunice Metcalf, Sarah F. Tobey, Olivia C. Oliver, Miriam F. Breed, Rhoda Howland, Dorcas F. Tucker, Lydia H. Jones, Jane C. Minot, Mary B. Farnum, Elizabeth A. Osborne, Ann Elmira Lang, Lavinia Fry, Hannah G. Sawyer, Phebe H. Meader, Lucy J. Hawkes, Lydia Taylor, Eliza B. Boyce, Ann B. Earle, Anna T. Dennis, Rachel S. Howland,

Mary E. Breed, Susan Howland, Mary A. Smith, Elizabeth Meader,] are appointed a Committee to unite with a similar Committee of the Women's Meeting, in attending to the various concerns of the Institution, to report to this meeting next year. The Report of the Boarding School Committee is as follows, viz :

"TO THE YEARLY MEETING.

The Committee charged with the superintendence of the Boarding School at Providence, Report

That the School has been continued in operation during the two terms of the last year. For the Summer term there were admitted one hundred and eighteen, and for the Winter term, one hundred and sixty-three scholars, nearly all of whom attended the school.

Our friends Charles Atherton and Gertrude E. Whittier have continued to render their acceptable services, as principals, assisted during the Summer term by William H. Varney, Charles A. Smiley, Timothy B. Hussey, Anna McKeel and Parmelia C. Varney; and during the Winter term, by Timothy B. Hussey, Augustine Jones, Anna McKeel and Parmelia C. Varney; as teacher of Latin by George H. Marston, and of French by Adele Parrot. Elizabeth Prosser has been engaged as teacher of Needle-work and Drawing for both terms.

Meetings of the Committee have been held monthly at the school, and members have been deputed at these meetings, for the more immediate care of the schools and family during each month. By these means, we believe a pretty thorough knowledge of the affairs of the Institution and the state of the Schools has been obtained by the Committee, and these have been generally satisfactory.

Harmony has been maintained in the family, and orderly deportment observed with little exception. The progress of the scholars in their various studies has also been generally what could be desired. Meetings for worship on First Day mornings have been held in the school-house as heretofore.

Notwithstanding the extensive repairs and improvements which have, within a few years, been made upon the house and school premises, it has been found necessary during the year past, to make some farther expenditure for these objects. During the last summer a long continued and severe drouth occasioned a short supply of pure water, for which, to a considerable extent, the collection of rain water was depended on. A sufficient supply of this article being deemed indispensable, the Committee did not hesitate to carry out a plan, long contemplated, of bringing by iron pipes, raised by a force pump the water of the spring situated on the easterly part of the school lands, to the school-house. By this means the school was sufficiently supplied.

Other expenditures, which may be classed under the head of improvements, have also been necessarily provided for, amounting, with the water-works above mentioned, to about forty-five hundred dollars.

We believe that the state of the house and premises is now such, that little expenditure, other than for the ordinary current expenses of the school will be required for some time to come.

The accounts of the Institution have been audited and settled.

The receipts have been—

From the income of the School Fund,	-	\$6,897 74
From the Charitable Fund,	- - - -	431 25
From a Friend at Prince Edward's Island,		50 00
From Scholars, for Board, Tuition, Stationery, &c.,		12,362 30
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Total receipts,	- - - - -	\$19,741 29

The expenditures have been—

By the Treasurer, for Fire Insurance,	- -	\$165 00
Tax of 1853,	- - - - -	200 97
Payment for Board and Tuition of Scholars at the School from the Charitable Fund,		440 00

Interest on \$6,500, borrowed from the Farm Fund, and on other indebtedness of the Institution, - - - - -	707 95
Expense of copies of papers, - - - - -	1 50
Payments by the Principal for the Support of the Institution, including salaries, wages, supplies for the family, farm expenses, repairs and improvements, - - - - -	22,943 75
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	\$24,459 17

At the time of our last report the indebtedness of the Institution, exclusive of the sum borrowed from the Farm Fund was - - - - - \$3,559 08

This indebtedness has been increased as will be seen by the preceding statement, during the last year, the sum of - - - - - 4,717 88
 Making the present debt - - - - - \$8,276 96

The sum of four thousand four hundred and eighty-nine dollars, eighty-seven cents, of the expenditures and consequent increase of indebtedness, above mentioned, has arisen from the disbursements for repairs and improvements, a large part of which were made the previous year, but appear in the above account. Beside which will be found in the account of expenditures the sum of two hundred dollars, ninety-seven cents, for the Tax assessed upon the School premises, in 1853, and of seven hundred and seven dollars, ninety-five cents, for interest on the indebtedness of the Institution, including that paid to the farm fund. The latter charge will of course cease, when means shall be found to discharge this indebtedness. The subject of Taxes, presents a question of much interest to the future financial prospects of the School, and is one to which the close attention of the Committee has been directed.—What the result may be, is not yet decided.

It appears probable from the above statement of the accounts, that exclusive of interest, taxes, and improvements on the premises, the present prices of Board and Tuition would sustain the School.

In their report to the Yearly Meeting, in 1853, the School Committee proposed the appropriation of the proceeds of the sale of lands, north of Olney-street, authorized by the Yearly Meeting in 1847, to the payment of the indebtedness incurred the preceding year, for the extensive repairs and improvements then made, the same to be considered in the light of a loan to the School Funds, the interest of which should be annually expended in the permanent improvement of the real estate. This proposition was adopted by the Yearly Meeting; since that time, as well as previously, large expenditures have been made, for the objects to which the income of the above fund was concluded to be appropriated, much exceeding, together, the amount of the principal of the fund. We think it right, therefore, and accordingly propose that the appropriation of this fund shall no longer be considered as an item of indebtedness against the school funds; but that the principal having been expended in the permanent improvement of the real estate, the indebtedness of the school funds therefor shall be discharged.

At our Meeting, held 2d month, 27th, in view of the circumstances of the school, the following minute was adopted, viz.: "The present condition of the Institution, in its several relations and especially its pecuniary situation, coming under consideration at this time, it is the sense of this Committee, after very carefully and seriously weighing the matter, to propose to the Meeting for Sufferings, to vacate the School, from the close of the present term, until the time of our next Yearly Meeting, with a view to the further continuance of the same, if the Yearly Meeting approve; and the Clerk is requested to furnish the Clerk of the Meeting for Sufferings with a copy of this minute."

At our Meeting, held 4th month, 3d, we received from the Meeting for Sufferings the following minute, viz.:

"At a special meeting of the Meeting for Sufferings, held at Providence, 3d month, 9th, 1855, the following communication was at this time received from the Boarding School Committee, (referring to our minute above recited,) and after a time of de-

liberation thereon, in which this Meeting has endeavored to give the subject that solid consideration which its importance demands, it is concluded to accede to the proposition from the School Committee, and the Clerk is directed to furnish the Committee with a copy of this minute."

"Extracted from the Minutes, Samuel Boyce, Clerk."

In accordance with these conclusions the School is now vacated, and we have agreed with Charles W. Earle, and his wife, Cynthia H. Earle, to give their services as steward and matron, to reside in the house, and have the care and keeping, and the general supervision of the lands, buildings and property belonging to the Institution, of every description; and we have authorized the said Charles W. Earle to hold the custody of the premises and property.

All of which we submit to the consideration of the Yearly Meeting.

Signed on behalf and by direction of the Committee,
STEPHEN A. CHASE, *Clerk*.

Newport, 6th mo., 9th, 1855."

The Committee on Correspondence presented Essays of Epistles to our brethren of the Yearly Meetings of Ohio and Indiana, which being approved, the Clerk is directed to sign them on our behalf, and forward them to those meetings.

A Testimony of Greenwich Monthly Meeting, endorsed by Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting, concerning our late beloved friend Thomas Anthony, was read, approved, and directed to be recorded. A solemn covering was spread over us while the memory of our dear friend was thus brought with freshness before us—and while we deeply feel the loss the militant Church has sustained in his removal from it, yet we have the consoling confidence that to him is given a crown immortal.

A Testimony of Litchfield Monthly Meeting, approved by Fairfield Quarterly Meeting, concerning our late beloved friend Moses Wadsworth, was read, and being approved, it is directed that it be recorded. The beloved subject of this Memoir was brought sweetly to our remembrance.

Adjourned to 3 o'clock, to-morrow afternoon.

FIFTH DAY AFTERNOON, 14th, the Meeting again assembled pursuant to adjournment. The Representatives present, except five.

The Committee on Education presented the following Report, and the care and interest manifested by the Committee in this important concern, are satisfactory to us. The same Friends are continued under appointment, and they are encouraged to pursue their labors in promoting the literary, moral, and religious education of our youth.

“ TO THE YEARLY MEETING.

“ The Committee on the concern of this Meeting upon the subject of Education, Report: That they have not been unmindful of the object of their appointment, and although no opening has appeared to an extended field for active service, yet they have endeavored, by individual exertion, as opportunities have been afforded, to increase and diffuse an interest in the minds of Friends, upon this important subject.

As in former years, circulars were addressed to the several Monthly Meetings, calling for statistical and other information, to all of which answers have been received; and from these the following summary has been compiled, viz:

Number of children within the compass of the Yearly Meeting			
between the ages of 4 and 16 years,	-	-	1225
Ditto, between 16 and 21 years,	-	-	479
Monthly Meeting School,	-	-	1
Preparative Meeting School,	-	-	1
Family Schools,	-	-	7
Friends' children attending Friends' School, exclusively as			
such,	-	-	170
Do. attending mixed Schools,	-	-	1255
First Day Schools taught the past year under the care of			
Friends,	-	-	24
Average continuance of these Schools, five months.			
Number of children attending the same,	-	-	540
Do. do. do. who are members of our Re-			
ligious Society,	-	-	358

By a comparison of the above statistics with the information received last year, a slight diminution will appear, both in the number and in the attendance of select schools. We have, however, reason to believe that an unabated interest is still felt by Friends for the guarded education of our children, and that a strong desire pervades the minds of many parents to embrace such opportunities as their circumstances and situation may afford, for the right training of their beloved offspring, and a solicitude that while their susceptible minds are being stored with knowledge, that the seeds of piety and virtue may be implanted therewith. We would encourage Friends in this undertaking, and believe that the acquisition of this important object is well worth every sacrifice which it may call for.

We observe that the number of First Day Schools now in operation is reported less than last year. When we consider the advantages which would undoubtedly result to the youth of our Society from the regular attendance of these Schools, it is not without a feeling of disappointment that we learn that less than one-fourth of the number of children amongst us are in the enjoyment of the benefits which these opportunities for instruction are calculated to afford. We believe, however, that a number of Friends are in the frequent practice of collecting their children in the family circle for scriptural instruction, and in this practice we would encourage parents who may be unable on account of their isolated situation in their respective neighborhoods to associate their children in a school capacity, for the purpose of imparting to their tender charge, a knowledge, not only of the bible, but also of those principles and doctrines, which have ever distinguished our Religious Society. We learn that a number of First Day Schools will soon be opened, in addition to those now in operation, and from the renewed interest which appears now to have been awakened upon the subject, we are not without hopes that an increased number of First Day scholars may be reported next year.

On behalf of the Committee,

HENRY T. WOOD, *Clerk.*

NEWPORT, 6th mo., 14, 1855."

The Committee, on the concern of this Meeting, for the Indians located west of the Mississippi, having prepared an address to these tribes, it was read and approved, and referred to the same Committee for careful revision, and to dispose of in such manner as way may open for in the Truth, in order to produce the beneficial effects intended thereby, and the Clerk of this meeting, together with the Committee, is authorized to sign it on our behalf.

The Committee of this Meeting, to extend some care to the Penobscot and Passamquadda tribes of Indians, made a report which is satisfactory to us, giving evidence that the attention of Friends to this people continues to be salutary, and the Committee now under appointment is continued, and they are authorized to draw fifty dollars from the Treasury and appropriate it to the aid of a School among the latter tribe, and they are also at liberty to apply the appropriation made last year (not yet called for) to the general object of our concern, or in such manner as the Committee may deem best. The report is as follows, viz.:

“TO THE YEARLY MEETING, NOW SITTING:

The Committee having charge of the concern of the Yearly Meeting for the Penobscot and Passamaquaddy Indians, Report: That attention has been given to the object of our appointment, and that a gradual improvement in husbandry and in their domestic comforts is apparent among them.

A school has been kept in successful operation among the Penobscots for six months of the past year. The number of scholars in attendance has been near fifty. Their conduct and improvement are reported to have been satisfactory and encouraging, and we are informed that the Legislature of Maine have made further appropriations with a view of establishing a school further up the river. It appears to us, that these two schools must exert a very healthy influence in the tribe.

The Legislature have also appropriated one hundred dollars with a view to an attempt to establish a school among the Pas-

sammaquaddy tribe. We think the encouragement of Friends, in setting up this school, may be much needed, and if the Yearly Meeting would appropriate a small sum, say fifty dollars, to further this concern, it would correspond with the views of the Committee, as these Indians have to depend very much for their resources upon the sales of their timber, which is annually lessening in amount.

The small sum left by the Meeting last year, subject to the draft of the Committee, has not been used, and we would propose that it should be left for that purpose the present year.

On behalf of the Committee,

STEPHEN JONES,
JOHN MEADER,
ELI JONES.

NEWPORT, 6th mo., 14, 1855."

The Clerk is directed to sign on our behalf the following Minute for our friend Thomas Willis, and similar ones for our friends Nathaniel Sands, David Hunt, Isaac Jay, Mary Ann Fisher and Phebe Bishop, viz.:

"Our beloved friend, Thomas Willis, attended this Meeting. His company and religious services have been acceptable to us."

The Clerk is directed to sign on our behalf the following Minute for our friend Luke Thomas, and similar ones for our friends William P. Barker, Sarah T. Barker, Sarah Ann Hunt and Eli Haines, viz.:

"Our beloved friend Luke Thomas attended this meeting.—His company and solid deportment have been acceptable and satisfactory to us."

By the epistles from two Yearly Meetings we have received the following information in relation to correspondents, viz.:

For Ohio Yearly Meeting the Correspondents are Isaac Parker, Greenbury G. Plummer. Address, Mount Pleasant, Jefferson County, Ohio; and, Jesse Kenworthy, Brownsville, Fayette County, Pennsylvania.

REDSTONE QUARTER.

David Miller for Redstone and Providence Monthly Meeting, and Jesse Kenworthy for Westland Monthly Meeting; address of both, Brownsville, Fayette County, Pennsylvania.

SHORT CREEK QUARTER.

James Kinsey for Short Creek Monthly Meeting, Mount Pleasant, Jefferson County, Ohio. Matthew Watson for Smithfield Monthly Meeting, Richmond, Jefferson County, Ohio. George Smith for Flushing Monthly Meeting, Smyrna, Harrison County, Ohio.

SALEM QUARTER.

Edward Jenkins for Salem, Middletown and Carmel Monthly Meeting; address, Salem, Columbiana County, Ohio. John Johnson for New Garden Monthly Meeting, New Garden, P. O., Columbiana County, Ohio.

SPRINGFIELD QUARTER.

Benjamin Stanley for Upper Springfield Monthly Meeting; address Damascoville, Columbiana County, Ohio. James Enloes for Marlborough Monthly Meeting, Marlborough, Stark County, Ohio. Garret Pim for Sandy Spring Monthly Meeting, East Rochester, Columbiana County, Ohio.

CHANGES IN NEW YORK YEARLY MEETING.

In Westbury Quarterly Meeting, William Cromwell for New York Monthly Meeting, in place of Mahlon Day, deceased; address, New York.

In Butternuts Quarterly Meeting, for New Hartford Monthly Meeting, Robert Townsend in place of Forris Kellogg, deceased; address, Rome, Oneida County, New York; and Henry Bull for Butternuts Monthly Meeting, in place of Joseph Tabor, deceased; address, West Oneonto, Otsego County, New York.

In Cornwall Quarterly Meeting, for Cornwall Monthly Meeting, James T. Greene, in place of Jonathan Thorne; address Cornwall, Orange County, New York.

In Pelham Quarterly Meeting, for Pelham Monthly Meeting, Jacob Garner, Jr., in place of John Beram; address Port Robinson, Welland County, Canada West.

In Adrian Quarterly Meeting, for Adrian Monthly Meeting, Nathan Chase, in place of David Steer; address, Adrian, Lenawee County, Michigan.

Essays of Epistles to our brethren of the Yearly Meetings of London, Dublin, New York, Baltimore and North Carolina, prepared by the Committee on Correspondence, were now read, and being approved, the Clerk is directed to sign them on our behalf, and forward them to those meetings respectively.

The Committee to cause a reprint of the London General Epistle, report that the service has been accomplished.

The Clerk is requested to cause three thousand copies of the Minutes of this Meeting printed, as last year.

The Clerk is authorized to make any necessary extracts from our Minutes, not already directed.

Having now disposed of the various concerns of the Church that have claimed our attention at this Yearly Meeting, in unity and love, and having been mercifully favored to witness from day to day, as we humbly believe, the wing of ancient goodness spread over us to our great comfort, desiring to ascribe all praise unto our Heavenly Father, we now come to a solemn conclusion of our Meeting, proposing to assemble again, at this place, at the usual time next year, if the Lord permit.

SAMUEL BOYD TOBEY, *Clerk.*

EXTRACTS

FROM

THE MINUTES

OF

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MINUTES.

At the Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England, held on Rhode Island, commencing with public meetings for worship at Newport and Portsmouth, on first day the 15th; and for discipline at Newport on second day morning, the 16th of sixth month, 1856.

By the Reports received from our Quarterly Meetings, it appears that the following Friends have been appointed Representatives to this meeting, viz:

From RHODE ISLAND—Rowland Greene, David Buffum, Samuel Boyd Tobey, Thomas S. Gifford, Joseph Metcalf, John Meader, Timothy C. Collins, Jonathan Freeborn, Josiah Chace and Perez Peck.

From SALEM—Estes Newhall, Josiah D. Challis, Stephen A. Chase, Enoch Page, Abijah Johnson, Nathan Breed of Lynn, Samuel Boyce, Thomas Folsom, Moses F. Rogers and Nowell Ordway.

From SANDWICH—William P. Howland, Isaac R. Gifford, Calvin Shepherd, David Kelley, Stephen Dillingham, George Easton, George Almy, Newell Hoxie, Charles R. Tucker and Daniel Macomber.

From FALMOUTH—Thomas Jones, John Buffum, Abram Winslow, Joseph Hawks, Harrison Magoon, Henry M. Minott and Josiah Winslow.

From SMITHFIELD—Thomas Grover, John Osborne, James N. Fry, Charles Hadwen, Edward Earle and Albert S. Payson.

From VASSALBORO'—John D. Lang, Edmund Cates, James Jones, Eli Jones, Levi Gardner, Timothy Hanson, Stephen Jones, Edmund Whitehouse, Ebenezer Frye and James Van Blarcum.

From DOVER—Tobias Meader, Benajah Buffum, Isaiah Frye and John Estes.

From FAIRFIELD—Samuel Taylor, Jr., Alden Sampson, David Douglass, Levi Jones, Charles M. Bailey and Moses Bailey—

whose names being called, they were all present except one, for whose absence a sufficient reason was rendered.

Having at this meeting the acceptable company of our beloved friends, Jared Patterson, of Walnut Ridge Monthly Meeting, Indiana; David H. Bennett, of Butternuts Monthly Meeting; Anna Adams, of Marlborough Monthly Meeting, New York; Rebecca T. Updegraff, of Short Creek Monthly Meeting, Ohio; Bersheba G. Herendeen, of Farmington Monthly Meeting, New York; Ann Kenworthy, of White Water Monthly Meeting; and Huldah H. Hoag, of East Grove Monthly Meeting, Indiana; certificates from their respective meetings, expressing unity with them as ministers and with their present religious engagements, were presented and read.

We have also the acceptable company of our beloved friends, Ira Lapham, accompanying our friend Bersheba G. Herendeen; Henry Bull, companion to our friend David H. Bennett, William Kenworthy, as companion to his wife Ann Kenworthy; William Hill, companion to our friend Jared Patterson; Ephraim B. Ratliff, accompanying our friend Huldah H. Hoag, and David Updegraff, companion to his wife, Rebecca T. Updegraff, and have received and read satisfactory testimonials on their behalf from their several meetings.

The London General Epistle for 1855 has been read at this time, and we feel it to be pertinent and instructive, and commending it to the serious attention of our subordinate meetings and to Friends individually, we appoint our friends, William C. Taber and George Howland, Jun. to cause a reprint of 3500 copies to be forwarded to the Quarterly Meetings through the representatives.

Interesting and truly acceptable epistles, addressed to us by our beloved brethren of the Yearly Meetings of London, Ireland, New York, Baltimore, North Carolina, Ohio and Indiana, have been received and read, and our dear friends of these different meetings have been brought very near to us, under, we trust, the fresh flowings of gospel love. We appoint the following Friends to prepare essays of reply to these epistles, and present them to a future sitting of this Meeting, viz: Samuel Boyd Tobey, John Meader, Stephen A. Chase, Samuel Boyce, Thomas S. Gifford, Samuel Taylor, Jr., John D. Lang, William C. Taber, Alden Sampson, Eli Jones, Samuel Austin, Joseph H. Cole, James Van Blaricum, Gilbert Congdon, Edward Earle, Newell Hoxie, William A. Robinson, John Osborne, David Buffum, Caleb Jones, Charles R. Tucker, Richard Battey, Daniel Beede, Henry M. Minott, George Howland, Jr., Oliver Pope and Joseph Metcalf.

The several Quarterly Meetings inform that they have given the necessary attention to the payment of the stock directed to be raised by this meeting last year—and we appoint our friends Thomas Harkness, Micajah C. Pratt, William C. Taber, Henry M. Minott, John Milton Earle, Stephen Jones, Amos D. Purinton and Moses Bailey, to settle the Treasurer's account, propose a sum to be raised for the use of this meeting the present year, and the name of a Friend for Treasurer.

By the reports from the Quarterly Meetings, we are informed that *Salem* has united with Weare Monthly Meeting, in the appointment of Hannah Page and Sabina A. Page to the station of Elders, and that *Dover* has united with Dover

Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Phebe H. Meader to the same station.

Adjourned to 4 o'clock this afternoon.

AFTERNOON—met pursuant to adjournment.

Rowland Greene, on behalf of the Representatives, informed the Meeting that they had conferred together and were agreed in proposing Samuel Boyd Tobey for Clerk, and Stephen A. Chase for assistant Clerk, which being united with, they are appointed to those stations for the ensuing year.

The records of this meeting for last year, were now read.

The Boarding School Committee presented their annual report, which is satisfactory to this meeting, and the Friends now under appointment, are continued for another year to unite with a similar Committee of the women's meeting, in the care and superintendence of the School—and they are requested to report to this meeting next year.

The Report is as follows, viz:

“TO THE YEARLY MEETING.

The Committee for the superintendence of the Boarding School at Providence, have given attention to the objects of their appointment and now report—

That the school being vacated at the time of our last Yearly Meeting, the Committee were desired, as by minute of the Yearly Meeting, “to look towards the opening of the School at the commencement of the winter term, and to make arrangements, so far as may be practicable for such opening.”

In pursuance of this conclusion, the Committee proceeded to consider what arrangements would best promote its objects, and on mature deliberation came to the following results, viz: That it is desirable and expedient in the proposed opening of the school, to provide—That the teaching in the schools shall be provided for by contract at a fixed rate to be hereafter agreed upon, the same to be made satisfactory to the Committee. That it is also further desirable and ex-

pedient, that the board of the scholars, should be provided for by contract, at a fixed price, under such regulations as may be established by the Committee, including all the domestic arrangements of the family.

The Committee were enabled to carry out these conclusions, substantially, by a contract entered into with Joseph Cartland, who, with his wife Gertrude W. Cartland, entered into an engagement to become the Principals and Superintendents of the School, to furnish the necessary assistant Teachers, and the board of the scholars, and to conduct the school in a manner that shall be satisfactory to the Committee, both as to Teachers that are employed by them, and in all other respects, and to pay all expenses that accrue from thus conducting the School.

For the purpose of carrying out this contract, it was agreed that they should have the use of the School premises, and that as compensation for the service required by the contract, they should receive the moneys paid for board and tuition of the scholars, have the use and improvement of the farm, and that they should further receive from the income of the School Fund, the sum of three thousand dollars per annum, to be paid them semi-annually, one-half at the close of each term.

Under this arrangement, the School was opened for the winter term on Fourth Day, 31st of 10th month last, and one hundred and fifty-seven pupils were then and subsequently admitted, and attended the school for the whole or part of the term; of whom eighty-three were males and seventy-four were females.

The assistant Teachers employed, were Timothy B. Hussey, Charles W. Earle, Elizabeth S. Jones, Anna McKeel, Parmelia C. Varney and Sarah E. Whittier, in the English branches; Joseph W. Congdon, Teacher of Greek, Latin, Natural Philosophy and Chemistry; Catherine E. Haase, Teacher of French, German, and Needle Work, and Marianna Stanton, Teacher of Drawing.

The various branches taught in the School, are indicated by

the above list of Teachers, and they embrace such as are believed to be most useful in fitting the pupils for the varied duties of life.

The Committee have exercised a constant supervision over the Institution in its various departments during the year, and since the opening of the School, have held meetings monthly, with the exception of one month, having sub-committees, appointed at each meeting for its more immediate care.

It is a source of much satisfaction to believe, that the Institution has been conducted in a manner to promote the objects of its establishment—that good order and harmony have generally prevailed, and that the progress of the scholars in their various studies has been satisfactory. Care has been taken to promote a knowledge of the Holy Scriptures and of our religious principles.

Meetings for worship on First Day mornings, have been held in the school house as heretofore—the scholars at other times attending the meeting of Friends, in Providence. In these meetings the conduct of the scholars has been becoming, and many of them have been seasons of much interest.

The examination at the close of the term, was attended by many of the members of the School Committee, by members of the Yearly Meeting's Committee on Education and other Friends. The exercises of the scholars gave evidence of attention and diligence on their part, and of faithfulness on the part of the Principals and assistant Teachers. There was evidence that much care had been extended to promote the objects of the Institution, in imparting a guarded education, and instilling into the minds of the children, the principles of morality and virtue. The close of the examination, furnished an interesting opportunity with the schools, which was marked by much solemnity, and we trust may be remembered by them in after time.

The health of the scholars has generally been preserved. One death has taken place. George M. Underhill, of New

York, a young Friend, who for several terms had been at the school, and who had, by his orderly and exemplary deportment, endeared himself to the officers of the Institution, died very suddenly of malignant sore throat. On this occasion, a religious meeting was held at the school, which was a solemn and favored season. After which the remains were conveyed to his friends.

The following minute was made by the Committee in reference to this event: "This renewed evidence of the uncertainty of time, has clothed our minds with feelings of deep solemnity and awakened increased desires that we may all give diligent heed to the injunction of our blessed Lord and Savior, 'Therefore be ye also ready, for in such an hour as ye think not, the son of man cometh.'"

The accounts of the Institution have been examined and audited. Those relating to the Charitable Fund, stand as follows, viz:

Receipts for the year, - - -	\$455 00
Payments, for board and tuition of eight scholars, 320 00	
" for due Treasurer from this fund	
last year, - - - - -	8 75
Cash in Treasurer's hands at the close of the	
last term, applicable to the coming	
term, - - - - -	126 25
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	\$455 00

The accounts relating to the general fund stand as follows, viz:

Receipts, from income of School Fund, -	\$6,454 84
" from sundry small debts collected,	146 10
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	\$6,600 94

Payments, (exclusive of those provided to be paid by the Principals):

By Treasurer to C. W. Earle, while the school was vacated, for his services and for sundry expenditures on the farm, &c.*	\$875 94
Insurance, \$165. Interest, \$228 46.	- 393 46
Repairs, furniture, &c.	- 1,485 55
To Joseph Cartland on contract,	- 1,500 00
	<hr/> \$4,254 95

Which deducted from the receipts leaves an excess of	- - - \$2,345 99
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This sum has been applied towards the payment of the debts of the Institution.

These debts as reported last year were	\$8,276 96
Of which there was due from the Charitable Fund, since paid from that fund	8 75
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Leaving the debt against the general fund,	8,268 21
From which deduct the above excess of re- ceipts over expenditures the past year,	2,345 99
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Leaves the present debt against the general fund	\$5,922 22

Under our present arrangements, it will be seen, that provision is made for the gradual payment of the debts of the Institution.

The attention of the Committee has been directed to the subject of a course of study, for such as wish the full benefit of a systematic education, to be continued through a period of four years. This course is not intended to interfere in any

* As an offset to this expenditure, it may be stated, that of the produce of the farm the past year, there remained on hand, when the school was opened last fall, sundry articles, valued at \$1,233 39, which were taken by the Principal to be used in the Institution and for which he is to account.

degree with the instruction as heretofore given in the school, but to be applicable only to those who may wish to pursue it, and in this view, it has met with the approbation of the Committee.

We would propose that the charge per term of twenty-two weeks, for board and tuition be \$40, for members of our Yearly Meeting;—\$60 for members of other Yearly Meetings, and where one or both parents are members of our Religious Society, or are sent at the charge of members of our Religious Society;—and \$100 for any others who may be admitted. That \$5 per term additional charge continue to be made, for instruction either in the ancient languages, in French, or in Drawing;—Books and Stationery being furnished as heretofore at actual cost.

For certain regulations as heretofore agreed upon by the Yearly Meeting, respecting the times of payment, manner and times of the admission of scholars, &c., we refer to the accompanying circular, issued by the Committee in the seventh month last.

We commend the Institution to the continued interest and care of Friends.

Signed on behalf of the Committee—

STEPHEN A. CHASE, *Clerk.*"

Regulations referred to in the above report of the School Committee.

"As the number to be admitted is limited to eighty of each sex, it will be necessary that the Committee should be seasonably informed of all in this Yearly Meeting that desire to occupy places in the school, in order that they may determine how many others, if any, may be received.

Application should therefore be made for members of our Yearly Meeting, seasonably to be laid before the Committee at their Meetings to be held on Third Day, before the first Fifth Day in the 3d and 9th months—as heretofore determined by the Yearly Meeting.

At this Meeting applications for the admission of members of our Yearly Meeting will have precedence of all others.

After this time, applications for the admission of scholars will be considered in the order in which they are made.

Monthly Meetings desirous of occupying the privilege of the Charitable Fund, are requested to send their applications as heretofore, in season for the Meeting of the Committee in the 9th month, and to specify whether they desire it during the winter or succeeding summer term. And friends are requested to observe the various regulations adopted by the Yearly Meeting, in order for admission of scholars into the school.

It is desired that payment for each term be made in advance, but if in any case this is not practicable, one-half to be made at the commencement, and the balance at the middle of the term.

It is expected that scholars will be at the school punctually at the commencement of the term, but if circumstances occur to prevent such attendance, notice is to be forwarded to the Principals within one week of that time, stating whether or not their places are desired to be reserved for them. A failure to attend the school or to give the notice above specified shall be considered a relinquishment of the privilege unless again admitted by the Committee; and in all cases of children being admitted for the term, and attending the school, it is expected that payment will be made for the term.

Friends of pupils, and others, visiting the school, will in future be expected to defray the expense arising to the Institution.

Application for admission into the school, and for the benefit of the Charitable Fund are to be made to the Principals.

Address JOSEPH CARTLAND,

Principal Friends Boarding School, Providence, R. I.

Accompanying the Epistle, addressed to this Meeting by our Brethren of London Yearly Meeting, the following minute of that Meeting was received, viz:—

“YEARLY MEETING, 1855.

The circumstances of our Friends who come from America to this country in the work of the ministry, have again engaged our brotherly consideration. Whilst feeling the importance of in nowise interfering with the blessed guidance of the Spirit of Truth in their religious movements, this Meeting is of the judgment, that advantage would arise from our dear Friends proceeding to London as soon as may be after their arrival in this country, whenever they can conveniently do so, and feel it not incompatible with the pointings of duty; in order that, in accordance with the regulations of this Meeting, their certificates might be verified by the Meeting for sufferings, and an opportunity be at the same time afforded them, for attending the Morning Meeting of Ministers and Elders, and thus early partaking of the sympathy and aid of the members of that Meeting. But in offering this suggestion, we desire that our brethren and sisters from a distant land, travelling amongst us in the service of the Gospel, may continue to receive from Friends everywhere a large measure of kind assistance and Christian sympathy.

(Copy.) JAMES BOWDEN.”

We have also received a statement of the proceedings of London Yearly Meeting, in relation to the late division in Ohio Yearly Meeting, which was read, and the views of true Church order, the feelings of Christian love, and the sound advice contained therein, were interesting and cordial to us, and the further disposition of this document is referred to the Meeting for Sufferings.

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Adjourned to 10 o'clock to-morrow morning.

THIRD DAY MORNING, the 17th, the Meeting convened according to adjournment. The Representatives all present.

The Meeting entered upon a consideration of the state of Society, by reading the queries and the answers received from the several Quarterly Meetings, and proceeded therein to the second inclusive. As in former years, it is sorrowfully apparent that there is not that practical acknowledgment of our dependence upon our Heavenly Father, which the careful attendance of all our religious meetings for His worship manifests before the world—and very solemn and impressive were the admonitions and entreaties of beloved, concerned brethren for greater faithfulness in this respect. It is evident that if we loved the Lord supremely, with all our heart, with all our mind, and with all our strength, we should not fail to render unto Him any sacrifice that He may require at our hands—and we should rejoice in the seasons set apart for waiting upon Him, when we may be favored to draw near unto Him and to enjoy, unworthy as we are, a sweet sense of his presence. We should love the habitation of the Lord, the place where his honor dwelleth—and rendering unto Him, the tribute of subdued and humble hearts, we should be enabled, in living faith, to look unto Him as a rewarder of all those that diligently seek Him. Brethren forsake not the assembling of yourselves together, was the exhortation of an apostle of the blessed Redeemer; and, also, that we should yield our bodies a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable unto Him which is our reasonable service. Did we feel, as it was mercifully manifested, the love of our blessed Saviour to the children of men—did we realize that through Him alone we can enter into the Kingdom of Heaven—that He is the door—that it is before Him we are to stand in the last day—that He is the Judge of quick and dead—that unto Him we are to render our account—we should be deeply engaged, at all times, and in every situation of our lives, to confess Him before men—to acknowledge Him, both in word and in deed, as our Master whom we delight to honor, and with a humble

hope that He will be graciously pleased to acknowledge us in that day before His Father and the holy angels. Love to God and love to man are inseparable. God is love, and he that dwells in God dwells in love. If we love Him whom we have not seen, we shall not fail to love our brother whom we have seen. Love is the badge of discipleship, and earnest has been the concern in this meeting that the blessed fellowship and love of the Gospel may increase and more and more abound among us; and we trust the prayer of the Church has been fervently raised that our members everywhere may be preserved in true love to God and love one unto another.

Adjourned to four o'clock, this afternoon.

AFTERNOON. Friends again assembled, and concluded the reading of the queries and answers.

During this engagement a solemn covering was felt to be spread over us—and a lively concern was manifested for the maintenance of all our testimonies in their purity, and with an enlightened understanding of their origin. The inestimable value of the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus, was feelingly dwelt upon, and Friends were tenderly exhorted and encouraged to the daily perusal of them with their families collected about them, and not to neglect the frequent reading of them in retirement with the heart reverently turned unto Him from whom they came that they may be opened to their understandings and tend to bring them unto Christ. The example of the early members of this religious Society in becoming acquainted with the Holy Scriptures, and the high value they placed upon them, were instructively adverted to, and Friends were earnestly recommended practically to follow them in this respect.

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In answering the Queries, our subordinate meetings are desired carefully to regard the advice heretofore given to be

full and explicit, and the Quarterly Meetings are requested in their annual answers for this Meeting to embrace not only the information received from the Monthly Meetings at the Quarter preceding the Yearly Meeting, but also a definite statement as to the maintenance of our meetings during the year, and that they take care to preserve the answers received at the three previous Quarters, for this purpose.

The Quarterly Meetings are requested annually to communicate to this Meeting the names of all Ministers and Elders who have deceased during the year, with the time of their decease, and ages, as far as practicable. The clerk is directed to furnish a copy of this minute to subordinate meetings.

We have at this Meeting the acceptable company of our beloved friend, Esther Hathaway, companion to our friend Bersheba G. Herendeen; and of Lydia Esther Knight, companion to our friend Huldah H. Hoag, and satisfactory minutes from their respective meetings have been now read.

The Committee on Correspondence is requested to prepare essays of returning minutes for our friends now in attendance of this meeting, with certificates from other Yearly Meetings, and present them at a future sitting.

The following proposition contained in the Report from Vassalboro' Quarterly Meeting is united with by this meeting, viz:—

“Received a communication from Fairfield Quarterly Meeting, uniting with us in a proposition for an alteration in the line between the two Meetings, by annexing the Town of Chester, on the west side of Penobscot River, to this Quarterly Meeting, which we submit to the judgment and determination of the Yearly Meeting.”

The following information is contained in the Report from Salem Quarter, viz:—

At the request of Seabrook Monthly Meeting, this meeting has concluded that the Monthly Meeting heretofore held at Pittsfield, in the 10th month, be held in future at Epping; that the one held at Seabrook, in the 12th month, be held at

Amesbury, and that the one held at Amesbury in the 11th month, be held at Seabrook. All to be held at the same time as heretofore.

Adjourned to 10 o'clock to-morrow morning.

FOURTH DAY MORNING, the 18th, Friends assembled pursuant to adjournment. The Representatives all present.

The Records of the Meeting for Sufferings for the past year were laid before us and read, and the proceedings of that Meeting in relation to the various important concerns that have claimed its attention, were approved by this Meeting, and the Friends now under appointment (with the exception of our friend Charles Atherton, removed from within the limits of this Yearly Meeting) are continued to constitute a Meeting for Sufferings for another year, to act, as heretofore, on behalf of this Meeting, according to the organization and appointment of that Meeting.

The following proposition from the Meeting for Sufferings, in relation to the manner of making additions to our Meetings of Ministers and Elders was weightily considered by this Meeting, and united with, and adopted as the discipline of our Meeting in this respect, (the women's meeting uniting therein,) viz:—

“In the appointment of Elders, the following order is to be observed:—

As these are officers of the Church at large, let the Monthly Meeting, after they have approved such as they adjudge duly anointed and qualified for that service, (the name or names having been introduced either through the preparative meeting of ministers and elders, or by a Committee appointed by the Monthly Meeting for that purpose) acquaint the Quarterly Meeting therewith, who, after solidly waiting for their concurring unity, and finding nothing to hinder, are to minute the same, and acquaint the select meeting thereof; who are also to enter the appointment on their minutes, and the friends so appointed may then sit in any of our meetings of ministers and elders. Information of such appointment is to be given

by the Quarterly Meeting to the Yearly Meeting, and by the Yearly Meeting, through its Clerk, to the Yearly Meeting of Ministers and Elders, and their names entered on the respective Records of those meetings.

The following order is to be observed in acknowledging the gift, and approving the public appearances of any Friend in the Ministry.

Where any Friend appears in public ministry whose conversation shall be clean and blameless, and the preparative meeting for ministers and elders, within the limits of which he or she belongs, is convinced that the Lord hath called them to that weighty work, it is then to lay the same before the Quarterly Meeting of Ministers and Elders, for its consideration, and when said Quarterly Meeting shall have united therein, without any record being made of its judgment, the said preparative meeting may lay the same before the Monthly Meeting, which, after weightily feeling after the mind of truth therein, and being united in approving him or her as a Minister in the Church, the same shall be recorded and sent forward in like manner as in the case of Elders.

Friends are advised in these proceedings to be weighty in their spirits and careful in their conversation, that no harm come to any from a disclosure before the time of what may be under the consideration of Friends; that all may be kept in the love and unity of the Gospel.

The Meeting for Sufferings is requested to cause an edition of our Book of Discipline to be printed, containing the regulations, which, from time to time, have been adopted by this Meeting, (with such revision of the language, not affecting the meaning, as it may deem proper,) and copies furnished to the various subordinate meetings.

The subject of a change of place for holding this Yearly Meeting, which, for a specified purpose, was referred to the Meeting for Sufferings, being now brought before us by the following minute from that Meeting, claimed the solid and deliberate consideration of this Meeting, in which there was a

manifestation of condescension, and tender regard of Friends one for another, and a desire for the full preservation of those bonds of Christian unity, which, we believe, now bind together the different members of this Yearly Meeting—and was without any dissenting expression adopted. It is as follows, viz :—

“The Committee to make legal inquiry whether the removal of our Yearly Meeting would invalidate the title to our trust property, presented the following report :—

‘TO THE MEETING FOR SUFFERINGS.

The Committee appointed to make careful inquiry whether a change in the place of holding the sessions of our Yearly Meeting would in any way invalidate the title to the Trust Funds now in its possession, have attended to their appointment. They have procured the opinions of legal counsel on the question—which they have heretofore laid before the Meeting for Sufferings, and which have been read in that Meeting.

The result of their inquiries is, that there are doubts whether the removal contemplated, may not injuriously affect the title of the Yearly Meeting to the possession of the Trust Funds now held by that Meeting, unless additional legislation is procured from the Government of Rhode Island and perhaps from Massachusetts;—and such legislation it is thought it may be difficult, if not impracticable to obtain at the present time.

We would suggest for the consideration of the Meeting, whether it may not, under all the circumstances, be reasonable and best for Friends to look towards some arrangement, by which the travelling expenses of Friends attending the Yearly Meeting may be equalized.

On behalf of the Committee,

JOHN OSBORNE,
JOHN D. LANG.

Newport, 6th mo., 16th, 1856.”

Which being read and approved, is accepted; and the Committee are released from further attention thereto—And this Meeting recommends to the Yearly Meeting, that measures be promptly taken whereby the suggestion made by the Committee, relative to making some arrangements by which the travelling expenses of Friends attending the Yearly Meeting may be equalized, may be carried out.”

The Meeting for Sufferings is requested promptly to proceed in endeavoring to establish a fund, the income of which, may be appropriated towards equalizing the travelling expenses of Friends attending this Meeting, as contemplated in the minute of the Meeting for Sufferings which has been now adopted, and to take such other measures as may be necessary to carry into effect the purposes of that minute.

Adjourned to four o'clock this afternoon.

AFTERNOON—Met by adjournment.

The Committee on the concern of this Meeting for the Indians located West of the Mississippi, made the subjoined report, which is interesting and acceptable to us—and although way has not opened for much active service in the concern during the past year, the Committee, (with the exception of our friend, Charles Atherton, removed from our limits,) is continued under appointment and requested to act on our behalf, as way may open for it, and report to this Meeting next year, viz :—

“TO THE YEARLY MEETING.

The Committee upon the concern of the Yearly Meeting for the Indians West of the Mississippi River,

Report,—That during the past year, the Committee have been able to bestow little or no active service—yet they have not been unmindful of their appointment; but have sought information on the subject, and endeavored to ascertain if there was any way open for Friends to exert themselves for this much injured race, with any prospect of usefulness.

With respect to many of the more uncivilized tribes lying far west upon our continent, it is to be feared that they are being treated by the whites, who are now pressing eagerly over their lands, as the Indians were treated by some of the early emigrants on the eastern shores of the country, and that the same scenes of war and bloodshed are resulting, in which, as heretofore, the poor Indian is overborne and despoiled of his inheritance.

On the western border of our present organized States, are situated various remnants of tribes, who originally occupied the lands upon the Atlantic coast—these, in pursuance of the policy of our Government, have been removed to their present location under a pledge that the lands to which they were removed should be secured to them and their children “so long as the grass grows and the water runs.” But this pledge is likely to fail. The land is wanted for the white man, and the Indian must give way. How sad and humiliating to contemplate these scattered remnants of a once powerful race of people, in undisputed possession of this broad land, now reduced to the comparatively small pittance of their former possessions, and even this, coveted by the still grasping hand of our more powerful race.

Surely a debt of no small magnitude is due from us to them. In what way can it be discharged, is a question which cannot but be interesting to every Christian mind among us.

The policy of our Government seems now to be, to obtain from the Indians cessions of the lands which were pledged to them on their removal to the west of the Mississippi, leaving to them reservations of comparatively small extent, with a view of locating them upon farms, and eventually conveying to them individually, titles to the farms upon which they may be thus located; thus breaking up the system of ownership by tribes, their immemorial system, and introducing the custom of ownership similar to that of our people; and the hope is, that the Indian may be induced to abandon the customs of his ancestors, and adopt those of the white man, and eventually be so merged in the mass of our population as to be-

come our fellow citizens. Under all the circumstances of their case, perhaps this may be the only alternative left, and the one most likely to save them from utter extinguishment.

But surely it becomes the philanthropy and the Christianity of our country to see to it, that, in this attempted plan of converting the Indian of the forest to the citizen of a civilized government, all the influences of the religion we profess, and all the advantages of the education with which we are favored, which are adapted to his case, should be extended to him.

The religious community can doubtless exert a useful influence on the Government in securing or forwarding these ends. And it is to be hoped that Friends, wherever situated in our land, will not fail of their duty in this respect.

The following extract from the report of the Commissioner of Indian affairs, laid before the present session of Congress, will serve to illustrate the plans now in operation, for the location of the Indians. The Commissioner remarks, "a change for the better seems to be taking place in the condition and prospects of the Indians of Minesota. The Chippewas of the Mississippi appear to understand and appreciate the policy and objects of the treaty, made with them in February last, by which the different bands are to be concentrated on small reservations, in suitable localities; the lands to be divided among them in severalty; and where they are required to devote themselves to industrial pursuits. Their hereditary chief, Hole in the Day, who headed the delegation to this city (Washington,) with whom the treaty was made, has set them a most excellent and commendable example, having on his return home, gone earnestly to work, and practically demonstrated to his people, the advantages of personal exertion and industry. He raised not only an abundant supply of grain and vegetables for his own family, but had a considerable surplus to dispose of, at the annuity payment, to those who had been less provident. The assembled tribe there saw and understood, in the case of one of their own people,

a leading and influential man among them, some of the advantages and benefits of a settled and industrious course of life. One of the most marked evidences of the commencement of a spirit of improvement among these people is seen in a growing disposition to dispense with the peculiar dress of the Indian, and adopt that of civilized life.

“A new treaty with the Winnebagoes, embracing the same policy was also made in February last, by which they were assigned a new and more suitable home on the Blue Earth river, south of the Minnesota, with which they were well pleased, and where nearly the whole of them have quietly and contentedly settled down. They have been more temperate and orderly than heretofore, and have manifested an encouraging disposition to give up their unsettled habits, and devote themselves to the cultivation of the soil.”

It has been the concern of Friends to advise and encourage the Indians to give up the chase, and to depend upon the cultivation of the soil for the supply of their wants, and in this respect, the policy of the Government is favorable to the views of Friends.

The address to the Indians prepared by the Committee and laid before the last Yearly Meeting, has been in accordance with its direction, carefully revised, and the names of the Clerk of the Yearly Meeting and of the Committee affixed to it, and in this form it accompanies this report,—but way has not opened for its presentation to the Indians. The territory of Kansas, where many of the Indians reside, who were more particularly in the minds of the Committee in reference to the address, has been and remains in a very disturbed state, in consequence of the violent agitation there of another question of great moment to the welfare and reputation of our common country: the question of the extension of the unrighteous system of slavery into new lands where hitherto it has not existed. Independently of the effect of such an extension upon the best interests of the Indian tribes, it is a cause of great anxiety and grief to us, and must be so to every rightly disposed mind, that a system fraught with so much of evil, should be suffered to be extended into that fair land.

We desire that Friends may be preserved from all undue excitement on these momentous questions; and that with a single eye to the only sure and safe Leader and Guide of his people, they may be found filling up fully their portion of Christian duty in all their movements in relation to them.

For the Committee—

SAMUEL TAYLOR, JR.

Newport, 6th mo. 17th, 1856."

The Committee on the concern of this meeting for the Penobscot and Passamaquaddy tribes of Indians, presented the following report, which, with the verbal communications of the Committee, was very acceptable and encouraging. The proposition contained in the report was approved, and our Committee is continued, and requested to exert any influence in their power, either with the Indians themselves, or with the State government, which may tend to benefit these objects of our concern, viz:

“TO THE YEARLY MEETING, NOW SITTING:

The Committee on the concern of the Yearly Meeting in reference to the Penobscot and Passamaquaddy Indians, Report, that the former tribe have latterly been visited by two of our number, from whom we learn that they are still making gradual improvement in agriculture and civilization. Two schools have been in successful operation amongst them during a portion of the past year, supported by the Government of Maine. Several of their children have also attended the public schools of their white neighbors. About 100 of the children have thus been enabled to avail themselves of an elementary education, in which it is said, they have made a more rapid progress than other scholars circumstanced similarly.

Way has not opened to do much in aid of the Passamaquadies during the past year. But satisfactory information has been received from one of their number, relative to their improvement.

The contemplated school amongst them has not progressed so far as to require aid from the committee, therefore we have not drawn on the treasurer for the \$50 appropriated for that purpose last year; we propose that it be however continued subject to their draft.

Signed, on behalf of the Committee,

STEPHEN JONES,
JOHN MEADER,
ELI JONES,

NEWPORT, R. I. 6th mo., 18, 1856."

In the epistle from Indiana, received at this time, a proposition is made for the establishment of a Yearly Meeting within their limits, consisting of five of their Quarterly Meetings, to be called the Western Yearly Meeting of Friends, and to be held at or near Plainfield, Hendricks County, Indiana—to be opened on Second Day after the third First Day in the 9th month, 1858. This meeting is fully united in encouraging our friends in Indiana, to proceed in this interesting matter as way opens in the Truth, and the clerk is directed to append this information to the epistle addressed to that meeting the present year.

The Committee to settle the treasurer's account make the following report, viz:

"TO THE YEARLY MEETING.

The Committee appointed to settle the treasurer's account, &c., report, they have attended to their appointment, and find a balance in his hands of four hundred and seventy-seven dollars and seventy-nine cents. They propose the sum of twelve hundred dollars to be raised for the use of the meeting, and David Buffum for treasurer.

THOMAS HARKNESS,

For the Committee.

Newport, 6th mo. 18, 1856."

Which is accepted, and our Quarterly Meetings are requested to raise their respective proportions of the sum proposed (twelve hundred dollars), and forward the same to our friend David Buffum, whom we appoint our treasurer.

The meeting for sufferings is requested to take into consideration the present accommodations afforded by the house in which our meeting is held, and to take such measures as it may deem proper in relation to it—and that meeting is, also, requested to take any necessary care in relation to the legal title to the land upon which the house is located, or any other land required for the accommodation of the Yearly Meeting.

A testimony of Smithfield Monthly Meeting, approved by Smithfield Quarterly Meeting, concerning our late beloved friend Lydia R. Kelly, was read at this time, and the subject of it was thus brought sweetly to our remembrance. It is approved and directed, that it be recorded—and the Meeting for Sufferings is requested to cause it to be printed, together with others that have been approved by this meeting now on file.

The Committee on Education made the following report, viz :

“TO THE YEARLY MEETING.

The Committee on Education report that from accounts received from all the Monthly Meetings, they have compiled the following summary :

Number of children within the limits of the Yearly					
Meeting, between the ages of 4 and 16 years,					1078
Do.	do.	do.	do.	16 and 21,	- 442
Number of Monthly Meeting Schools,					2
“	Preparative “			“	- 1
“	Family			“	- 7
“	Friend’s children attending Friend’s				
	Schools exclusively as such,				- 206
“	Friend’s children attending mixed sch’ls				1172
“	First day schools kept the past year,				
	under care of Friends,				- 22

Average continuance of these schools,	4 1-2 months.
Number of children attending same,	- - 428
“ “ “ “ members of our	
society, - - - -	264

It will be borne in mind, that in addition to the number above reported as attending select schools, there is a considerable number of Friend's children who are in the attendance of schools wholly or in part under the care of Friends, and who are thereby obtaining an education, under circumstances which are in a good degree calculated to shield them from the contaminating influences of the world.

Though little has been effected during the year by the Committee in a collective capacity, yet several of our number have individually labored in their several neighborhoods in furtherance of this interesting concern, both by endeavoring to diffuse correct information upon the subject, and by personal exertions to promote the practical objects of their appointment. Some of our number have attended the semi-annual examinations of the pupils at the Boarding School, much to their satisfaction. Although the advantages may appear to be self-evident, which this Institution is now calculated to afford to the youth of our society, we wish again to impress upon parents the importance of endeavoring to secure for their beloved children the benefits which we believe would result from their more general attendance of this school.

By the statistics herewith presented, it appears that the number of children who are reported as attending Friends' schools, has a little increased since last year.

We would again earnestly recommend to Friends, the importance of the establishment and proper maintenance of First Day schools under their care. A number of Monthly meetings still report no First Day school within their limits, and although many Friends are in the practice, on First Day, of collecting their children in their several families for the purpose of imparting Scriptural instruction, we believe that a

wide field is still open for greater exertion in this important concern.

While it may be cause of discouragement to many Friends, to observe the little that has been accomplished since the Yearly Meeting was first concerned to set apart a committee for the promotion of the guarded religious and literary education of our beloved youth, we would affectionately remind all such of the great importance of individual effort, and that if all whose minds have been awakened upon this subject, would endeavor in simplicity and in sincerity to do the little which may devolve upon them, their labors would be abundantly rewarded, not only by the consciousness of successful effort in the cause of education, but by the comforting persuasion that their humble endeavors had been indirectly instrumental in the promotion of the cause of truth itself.

Signed on behalf of the Committee—

JAMES DENNIS, *Clerk*.

Newport, 6th Mo. 18, 1856."

Which is satisfactory and interesting to us and our friends

Perez Peck, James Dennis, Nathan Breed, Newell Ordway, William P. Howland, Henry T. Wood, Abram Winslow, Caleb Jones, Richard Battey, Samuel H. Colton, Joseph Taber, Charles B. Cates, Isaiah Fry, Benajah Buffum, Charles M. Bailey and Reuben T. Jones, are appointed to propose to our next sitting the names of Friends (consisting of two from each Monthly Meeting,) to constitute a Committee on Education.

Adjourned to 3 o'clock to-morrow afternoon.

FIFTH DAY AFTERNOON, the 19th, at the appointed time the Meeting again assembled.

The Representatives present except three, for the absence of one of whom a sufficient reason was assigned.

We appoint Abram Winslow correspondent of Limington Monthly Meeting, in place of Wingate Frost, deceased.

We are informed by the clerk of the Yearly Meeting of

Ministers and Elders, that our dear friend Susan Howland has been liberated to perform a religious visit within the limits of the Yearly Meetings of London and Ireland, and if way should open for it in the truth, at some places on the Continent of Europe, whereupon we appoint our friends Stephen A. Chase, William C. Taber, Samuel Boyd Tobey, David Buffum and William Penn Howland, to render any necessary care and attention in the case, on the part of this Meeting.

The Committee to attend to the distribution of a reprint of the London General Epistle, report that the service has been accomplished.

The Committee for that purpose propose the names of the following Friends to constitute a Committee on Education, who are satisfactory to us, and they are appointed accordingly and encouraged to attend to the service confided to them, in conjunction with a similar Committee of the women's meeting, and requested to report to this meeting next year, viz :

George Bowen, Joseph Macumber, Jonathan Freeborne, Chas. W. Earle, Thos. S. Gifford, Abner Slade, Samuel Austin, Caleb M. Paine, Timothy C. Collins, Abel F. Collins, Charles F. Coffin, Jr., Joseph Nichols, Josiah D. Challis, Thomas Folsom, Thomas W. Thorndike, Joseph Hoag, Stephen T. Dillingham, Newell Hoxsie, Nathan T. Shepherd, Samuel Brown, Isaac R. Potter, George W. Francis, Adrian Davis, John Macumber, Henry T. Wood, Wm R. Taber, Mathew Barney, Abm. R. Wing, Rufus Horton, Harrison Magoon, Stephen Sweet, Joseph Cartland, Oliver Pope, Elisha Jones, John Cartland, Abraham Winslow, David Babcock, John E. Fry, Samuel H. Colton, Timothy K. Earle, Wm. Cook, Wm. H. Aldrich, Eli Jones, Alfred H. Jones, Thos. B. Nichols, Joseph H. Cole, Wm. Taber, Joseph H. Pratt, Walter Sawyer, Jonathan Nutter, Albert C. Buffum, Timothy B. Hussey, Ezra Gould, Lewis Hoag, Wm. A. Samson, Levi Jones, Joseph Taylor, Isaac Winslow, Joseph Winslow and Randall Stewart.

[*Women's Committee.*—Elizabeth T. Chase, Mary Rodman, Sarah Slade, Maria Buffington, Phebe Reynolds, Mary Ann

Sisson, Electa Jane Collins, Dorcas G. Babcock, Dorcas B. Robinson, Susan Shove, Eunice B. Boyce, Anne A. Chase Mary T. Gove, Cynthia W. Huntington, Sabina A. Page, Hannah Page, Phebe Kelley, Elizabeth Dillingham, Susan Shepherd, Maria Brown, Phebe R. Gifford, Maria B. Smith, Rebecca Church, Phebe Slade, Sarah Barker, Sarah M. Easton, Anna G. Wood, Susan G. Kempton, Mary B. Osborne, Abigail Hodges, Mary R. Hadwin, Abigail Wheeler, Sarah C. Fry, Lucy Collins, Hannah Meader, Nabby Bean, Eunice J. Rich, Esther Jones, Maria Pope, Jane Pope, Nancy Frost, Anna Milliken, Lydia P. Fry, Rachel B. Nichols, Mary R. Jones, Rachel Jones, Hannah Taber, Elizabeth T. Cook, Sarah B. Roberts, Mercy Osborne, Cynthia Buffum, Hannah Morrell, Sarah Hoag, Abigail C. Beede, Cynthia F. Jones, Elizabeth G. Sampson, Phebe Taylor, Sarah Winslow, Eunice Winslow and Sarah Maria Stewart.]

The Committee on Correspondence presented essays of epistles to our brethren of the Yearly Meetings of London, Ireland, New York, Baltimore, North Carolina, Ohio and Indiana, which being approved, the clerk is directed to sign them on our behalf and forward them to those meetings respectively.

The clerk is directed to sign on our behalf the following minute for our friend Jared Patterson, and similar ones for our friends David H. Bennett, Anna Adams, Rebecca T. Updegraff, Bersheba G. Herendeen, Ann Kenworthy and Huldah H. Hoag, viz:

“Our beloved friend Jared Patterson, attended this meeting. His company and religious services have been acceptable to us.”

The clerk is directed to sign on our behalf the following minute for our friend Ira Lapham, and similar minutes for our friends Henry Bull, William Kenworthy, William Hill, Ephriam B. Ratliff, David Updegraff, Esther Hathaway and Lydia Esther Knight, viz:

"Our beloved friend Ira Lapham attended this meeting. His company and solid deportment have been acceptable and satisfactory to us."

The clerk is requested to cause 3000 copies of extracts from the minutes of this meeting to be printed and distributed among our several subordinate meetings.

Having disposed of the various important concerns of the church, that have claimed our attention, in great harmony and christian unity, under a grateful sense of the mercy that has been extended to us from season to season, during all the different sessions of this meeting, with reverent thankfulness to our Heavenly Father, we now separate in love, proposing to meet again on this Island, at the usual time, next year, if the Lord permit.

SAMUEL BOYD TOBEY,

Clerk to the Meeting this year.

EXTRACTS

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THE MINUTES

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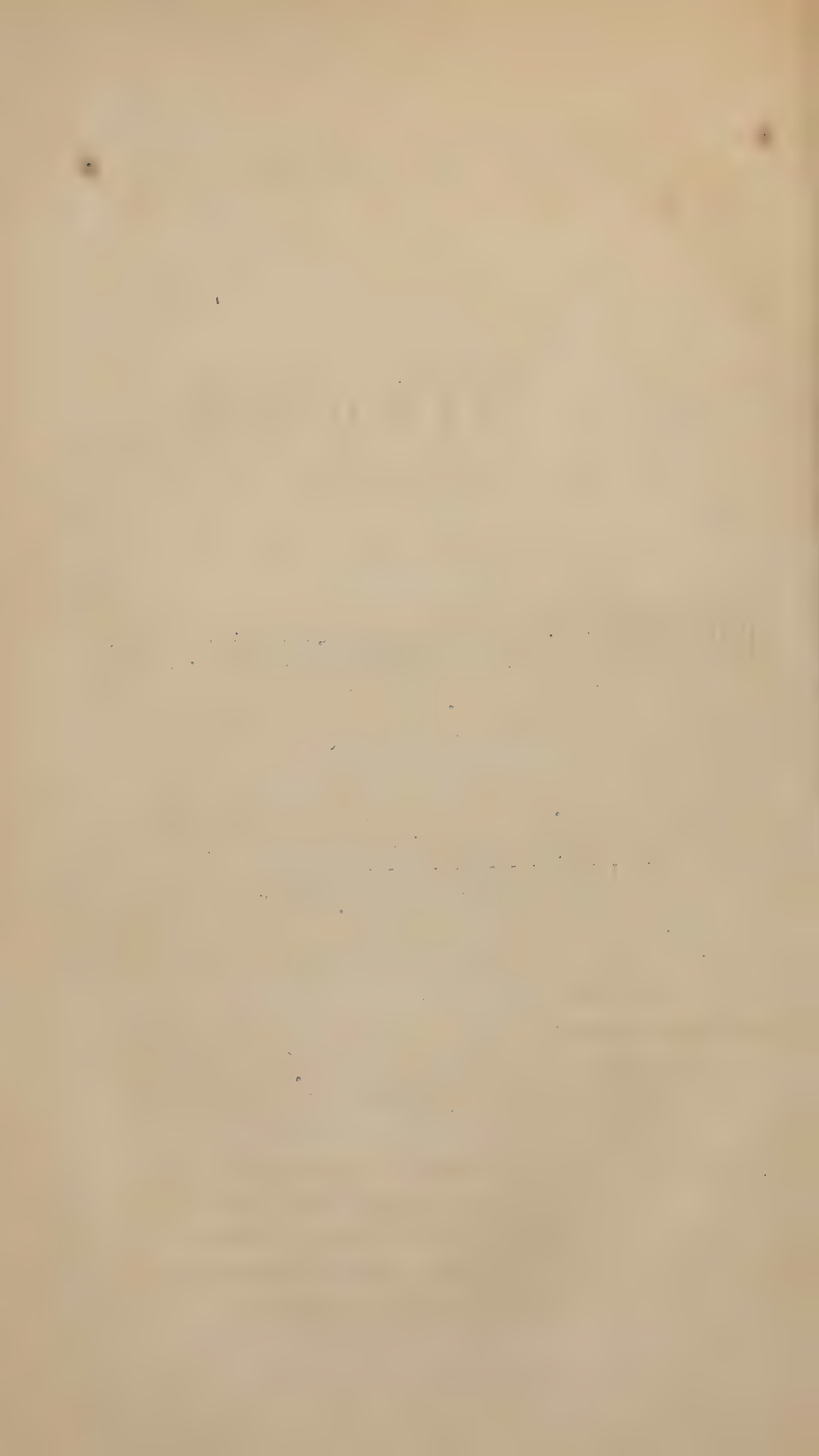
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At the Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England, held on Rhode Island, commencing with public meetings for worship at Newport and Portsmouth, on first day the 14th; and for discipline at Newport on second day morning, the 15th of sixth month, 1857.

By the Reports received from our Quarterly Meetings, it appears that the following Friends have been appointed Representatives to this meeting, viz:

From RHODE ISLAND—John Meader, Joseph Metcalf, David Buffum, Ellis Gifford, Samuel Boyd Tobey, Thomas Harkness, Perez Peck and Timothy C. Collins.

From SALEM—Samuel Boyce, Daniel Beede, Moses Huntington, Jr., Nathan Breed, of Lynn, Josiah D. Challis, John Page, Edward L Gove and Solomon Varney.

From SANDWICH—David K. Akin, Calvin Shepherd, Moses Smith, Edmund Gardner, John W. Gifford, Benjamin Potter and William C. Taber.

From FALMOUTH—Thomas Jones, Henry M. Minott, Thomas Estes, Caleb Jones and Joshua Cobb.

From SMITHFIELD—Thomas Grover, John Osborne, Edward Earle, Buffum Chace, Charles Hadwen and Arnold Aldrich, 2d.

From VASSALBORO'—Caleb Nichols, John D. Lang, Thomas B. Nichols, Ebenezer Frye, Stephen Jones, Hartwell A. Jenkins and Aaron Buffum.

From DOVER—Benajah Buffum, Isaiah Frye, Oliver Meader and Amos D. Purinton.

From FAIRFIELD — George Richardson, Reuben T. Jones, Joseph Taylor, Moses Bailey, Samuel Taylor, Jr., Jacob H. Vining, William Farr, Alden Sampson and David Douglass,—

whose names being called they were all present except two for whose absence sufficient reasons were assigned.

Having at this meeting the acceptable company of our beloved friend Priscilla Green, from Great Britain, satisfactory certificates from Thaxter Monthly Meeting, held at Dunmoor, in the county of Essex, England, the 27th of 3d mo., 1856—the Quarterly Meeting of Essex, held 4th mo. 8th, 1856, and the Yearly Meeting of Ministers and Elders held in London, the 19th, 20th and 31st of 5th month, 1856—were read, expressive of the unity of those meetings with her as a Gospel Minister and in her present engagement in the service of Truth in our land.

We have also the acceptable company of our beloved friend Mary Nicholson, who is engaged with our friend Priscilla Green in religious service amongst us, who produced satisfactory certificates from the Monthly Meeting of Pardsham, held the 17th of sixth month, 1856; the Quarterly Meeting of Cumberland and Northumberland, held at Wigton the 26th of sixth month, 1856; and from the Morning Meeting of Ministers and Elders, held in London the 11th of eighth month, 1856; all expressing unity with her as a Minister of the Gospel, and with her present religious engagement.

Our beloved friends, Daniel Wood and Jonah Hole, of

Alum Creek Monthly Meeting, Ohio Yearly Meeting; Ellwood Ozbun, of Elk Monthly Meeting, Indiana Yearly Meeting; William H. Chace, of Scipio Monthly Meeting, New York; Anna Thornburgh, of Walnut Ridge Monthly Meeting, Indiana; and Deborah C. Hinsdale, of New York Monthly Meeting, being acceptably in attendance of this Meeting, satisfactory certificates from their respective Meetings expressive of unity with them as Ministers, and with their present religious engagements were read.

We have also the acceptable company of our beloved friends Elizabeth Wood, accompanying her husband, Daniel Wood; Sarah Hole, who accompanies her husband, Jonah Hole; David Pegg, companion to our friend Ellwood Ozbun; Solomon Macy, accompanying our friend Anna Thornburgh; Maria Willetts, companion to our friend Deborah C. Hinsdale; and William Cromwell, accompanying our friends Priscilla Green and Mary Nicholson; and satisfactory testimonials from their respective meetings were received.

The London General Epistle for 1856, was read, and we feel that its contents are adapted to our instruction and edification, and desiring to lay it before friends generally and commending it to their careful attention, we appoint our friends William C. Taber and George Howland, jr., to cause a re-print of 3500 copies, to be apportioned to our several Quarterly Meetings, and forwarded by the representatives now attending this Meeting.

Acceptable and very interesting Epistles addressed to this meeting, by our brethren of the Yearly Meetings of London, (both of the last and present year,) Ireland, New York, Baltimore, North Carolina, Ohio and Indiana were received, and our dear friends were brought very near to us in the feeling of brotherly love and unity, which is so precious to and so becomes brethren professing the same faith and the same hopes in the Gospel—and we appoint the following friends to prepare essays of communications to those several meetings, as way opens for it, and present them to a future sitting; viz:

John Meader, John D. Lang, George Richardson, Daniel R. Bailey, Stephen A. Chase, Samuel Boyd Tobey, Samuel Boyce, Caleb Jones, George Howland, Jr., Samuel Taylor, Richard Battey, William C. Taber, Newell Hoxie, Benjamin H. Jones, William P. Howland, Moses Huntington, Jr., Alden Sampson, Joseph Metcalf, William A. Robinson, Obadiah Chace, Henry M. Minott, John Osborne, Stephen Jones and Thomas Grover.

The several Quarterly Meetings inform that they have given the necessary attention to the payment of the stock directed to be raised by this Meeting last year; and we appoint our friends Thomas Harkness, Micajah C. Pratt, William Gifford, Henry M. Minott, Edward Earle, Charles Cates, Benajah Buffum and Moses Bailey to settle the Treasurer's account, propose a sum to be raised for the use of this meeting, the present year, and the name of a friend for Treasurer.

By the Reports now received, we are informed that *Rhode Island* Quarterly Meeting has united with Providence Monthly Meeting, in acknowledging the gift and approving the public appearances, in the ministry of Gilbert Congdon, and in the appointment of Sarah F. Tobey and Mary Almy Smith to the station of Elders—with Greenwich Monthly Meeting, in the appointment of Marenus Parker, and with Swanzey Monthly Meeting, in the appointment of Thomas S. Gifford to the same station; and the same meeting reports the decease, on the 11th of 8th month, 1856, of Theophilus Shove, an Elder, aged 80 years, 5 months, and 7 days—on the fifth of 3d month, 1857, of Edward Wing, an Elder, aged 84 years, 9 months, and 12 days, and on the 8th of 4th month, 1857, of Susanna Hathaway, an Elder, aged 75 years and 11 months. *Salem* Quarterly Meeting informs us that it has united with Seabrook Monthly Meeting, in the appointment of Daniel Beede to the station of an Elder, and with Salem Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Olivia C. Oliver and Eliza B. Boyce, to the same station. From the same meeting we have the information of the decease, on the 28th of 2d month, 1857, of Estes Newhall, an Elder, aged 86 years, 5 months, and 19 days, and

on the 31st of 8th month, 1856, of Cornelia Page, an Elder, aged 82 years, 6 months, and 13 days. *Sandwich* Quarterly Meeting reports that it has united with Nantucket Monthly Meeting, in the appointment of Matthew Barney, to the station of an Elder, and also the decease, on the 26th of 7th month, 1856, of Abraham Russell, an Elder, aged 83 years, 4 months, and 15 days, and on the 26th of 7th month, 1856, of Esther Newett, an Elder, aged 92 years, 11 months, and 10 days. *Smithfield* Quarterly Meeting reports that it has united with Smithfield Monthly Meeting, in acknowledging the gift and approving the public appearances in the ministry of Lydia B. Coe, and in the appointment of Buffum Chase and Thisby Andrews, to the station of Elders, and with Bolton Monthly Meeting, in the appointment of David Babcock, Greely Dow, and Elizabeth W. Babcock, to the same station. *Vassalboro'* Quarterly Meeting informs that it has united with Vassalboro' Monthly Meeting, in acknowledging the gift and approving the public appearances in the ministry of Thomas B. Nichols, and with the same meeting, in the appointment of Sarah N. Jenkins and Fanny Cole, to the station of Elders, and with Unity Monthly Meeting, in the appointment of John Moulton, Peace Moulton, and Hannah R. Taber, to the same station,—and likewise of the decease, on the 2d of the 12th month, 1856, of Comfort Jepson, a Minister, aged 64 years, and on the 20th of 6th month, 1856, of Asa Jones, a Minister, aged 59 years, and 11 months. *Dover* Quarterly Meeting reports its unity with Sandwich Monthly meeting, in the appointment of Elizabeth Varney,—with Dover Monthly Meeting, in the appointment of Daniel Meader and Jesse Roberts, and with Berwick Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Cynthia Buffum, to the station of Elders. *Fairfield* Quarterly Meeting reports that it has united with Sidney Monthly Meeting, in appointing Mary Coffin, Mary F. Burbank, and Sarah Purinton, to the station of Elders, and also the decease, on the 20th of 9th month, 1856, of Cyrus Dean, an Elder, aged 90 years, and 18 days.

Adjourned to 4 o'clock this afternoon.

Afternoon—met according to adjournment.

John Meader, on behalf of the Representatives, informed the Meeting that they had conferred together, and were united in proposing Samuel Boyd Tobey, for Clerk, and Stephen A. Chase, for Assistant Clerk, which being approved, they are appointed to those stations for the ensuing year.

The records of this Meeting for last year were now read. In reading them the attention of the Meeting was turned to a portion of the discipline adopted last year as to the manner of making additions to our meetings of Ministers and Elders, and it was agreed as the understanding and decision of this Meeting, that after such appointment by a Monthly Meeting has been confirmed by the Quarterly Meeting, that such friend, whether Minister or Elder, may then sit in all our select Meetings, without waiting for the information to have been first communicated to those meetings, by the Quarterly Meeting—and the Clerk is directed to transmit this Minute to our subordinate meetings.

The Boarding School Committee presented their Annual Report, which is satisfactory to this Meeting, and the friends now under appointment, are continued for the ensuing year, to act in our behalf, in conjunction with a Committee of the women's meeting, in the government and superintendence of the Institution, and they are requested to report to this Meeting, next year. The Report is as follows:

"TO THE YEARLY MEETING,

The Committee for the Superintendence of the Boarding School at Providence, have attended to their appointment, and report as follows:

The School has been continued during the two terms of the past year. For the Summer term forty-nine males and sixty three females, and for the Winter term eighty-seven males and seventy-five females were admitted as scholars, and attended the school, nearly all of them for the full terms.

The arrangement with Joseph and Gertrude W. Cartland

as Principals, mentioned in the report of the School Committee last year, has been continued during the year now closed, and under it we believe the various interests of the school have been satisfactorily conducted.

Meetings of the Committee have been held monthly at the School, and members deputed to visit the Institution and inspect its management in the intervals, and we believe that the character of the school has been satisfactory to Friends as it has been encouraging to us.

The assistant teachers employed, have been John F. Rowell, William P. Macomber, Pamela C. Varney, Elizabeth Arnold, and Anna Mekeel, in the common English branches; Franklin E. Paige in Mathematics; Joseph W. Congdon teacher of Greek and Latin; Alphonse Renaut teacher of French and German; Marianna Stanton and Mary E. Potter, at different times teachers of Drawing; and instruction has been given in needle-work by Gertrude W. Cartland, assisted by other teachers.

The usual branches of an English education have been taught, and instruction in the languages given, and the Committee have arranged for a course of study for such as wish the full benefit of a systematic education, as suggested in the report last year. Care has been continued to promote the knowledge of the Holy Scriptures, and of the principles of our religious society.

Meetings for worship on First Day mornings, have been continued in the school house as usual—the scholars at other times attending Friends Meetings in Providence. At most of the meetings held at the Institution, members of the Committee, or other concerned Friends have been in attendance, and they have been held to good satisfaction.

The examinations at the close of each term, have been attended by members of the School Committee, and of the Yearly Meeting's Committee on Education, and other Friends, and they have been occasions of much interest.

The health of the scholars has generally been good, and

becoming order and harmony have been well maintained both in the school and family.

The accounts of the Institution have been examined, and the result may be stated as follows:

CHARITABLE FUND.

In Treasurer's hands last year,	- - - -	\$126 25
Receipts for the year,	- - - -	448 75
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		\$575 00
Payments for the board and tuition of twelve scholars, one term each,	- - - -	480 00
In hands of Treasurer at this time,	- - - -	95 00
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		\$575 00

GENERAL FUND.

Receipts from income of School Fund,	- -	\$6,636 06
“ “ old account of Manufacturers Bank,		66 74
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		\$6,702 80
Payments, (exclusive of those provided to be paid by the Principal)		
Fire insurance,	- - - -	\$165 00
Repairs of school premises,	- - - -	1,084 63
To Joseph Cartland on contract,	- - - -	3,000 00
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		\$4,249 63

Which deducted from the receipts leaves an excess of, - - - - - 2,453 17

Of which excess \$682 08 is in the Treasurer's hands, and the balance has been applied to the payment of interest and principal of the debts of the Institution—

Leaving the present debt, less the balance in the Treasurer's hands, - - - - - \$3,817 92
 This debt as reported last year was, - - - 5,922 22

It will be seen therefore that the principal of the debt has been lessened the past year, \$2,104 30.

This result encourages the expectation that the school may be maintained usefully and the debt before long discharged.

We would propose, that the Summer term should commence as at present on Fourth Day before first Fifth Day in the fifth month, and continue twenty-one weeks; and that the Winter term should also commence as at present, on Fourth Day before the first Fifth Day in the eleventh month, and continue twenty weeks; and that there should be no intermission of these terms by any recess during their continuance, and that the charge for board and tuition be the same as last year, viz, \$40 per term for members of our Yearly Meeting, \$60 for members of other Yearly Meetings, and where one or both parents are members of our religious society, or the scholars are sent at the charge of such members; and \$100 for any others who may be admitted. That \$5 per term additional charge continue to be made for instruction, either in the Ancient Languages, in French, or in Drawing, books and stationery being furnished as heretofore at actual cost.

We refer again to certain regulations, as heretofore agreed upon by the Yearly Meeting, respecting the times of payment, manner and times for the admission of scholars, &c., which accompanied the report of the School Committee last year; and we regret to find that these regulations, as respects the terms of payment and punctuality in attendance at the commencement of the terms of the school, are not so carefully observed as is desirable.

In conclusion, we may express our belief, that the Institution continues to be useful in promoting the objects of Friends in its establishment.

Providence, sixth month, 2d, 1857.

Signed on behalf of the Committee,

STEPHEN A. CHASE, *Clerk.*"

Regulations referred to in the above report of the School Committee.

"As the number to be admitted is limited to eighty of each

sex, it will be necessary that the Committee should be seasonably informed of all in this Yearly Meeting that desire to occupy places in the school, in order that they may determine how many others, if any, may be received.

Application should therefore be made for members of our Yearly Meeting, seasonably to be laid before the Committee at their Meetings to be held on Third Day, before the first Fifth Day in the 3d and 9th months—as heretofore determined by the Yearly Meeting.

At this Meeting applications for the admission of members of our Yearly Meeting will have precedence of all others.

After this time, applications for the admission of scholars will be considered in the order in which they are made.

Monthly Meetings desirous of occupying the privilege of the Charitable Fund, are requested to send their applications as heretofore, in season for the Meeting of the Committee in the ninth month, and to specify whether they desire it during the winter or succeeding summer term. And friends are requested to observe the various regulations adopted by the Yearly Meeting, in order for admission of scholars into the school.

It is desired that payment for each term be made in advance, but if in any case this is not practicable, one half to be made at the commencement, and the balance at the middle of the term.

It is expected that scholars will be at the school punctually at the commencement of the term, but if circumstances occur to prevent such attendance, notice is to be forwarded to the Principals within one week of that time, stating whether or not their places are desired to be reserved for them. A failure to attend the school or to give the notice above specified, shall be considered a relinquishment of the privilege unless again admitted by the Committee; and in all cases of children being admitted for the term, and attending the school, it is expected that payment will be made for the term.

Friends of pupils, and others, visiting the school, will in

future be expected to defray the expense arising to the Institution.

Application for admission into the school, and for the benefit of the Charitable Fund is to be made to the Principals.

Address JOSEPH CARTLAND,

Principal Friends Boarding School, Providence, R. I."

[Committee—Samuel Boyd Tobey, Joseph Metcalf, Stephen A. Chase, Samuel Boyce, George Howland, Jr., William C. Taber, Henry M. Minott, Caleb Jones, John Osborne, Edward Earle, John D. Lang, Ebenezer Fry, Benajah Buffum, Tobias Meader, Alden Sampson, Samuel Taylor, Rowland Greene, David Buffum, John Meader, William A. Robinson, Gilbert Congdon, Gideon C. Smith, Nathan Breed, of Lynn, Thomas Harkness, James Dennis,

Eunice Metcalf, Sarah F. Tobey, Olivia C. Oliver, Miriam F. Breed, Rhoda Howland, Dorcas F. Tucker, Lydia H. Jones, Jane C. Minott, Mary B. Farnum, Elizabeth A. Osborne, Ann Elmira Lang, Lavinia Fry, Hannah G. Sawyer, Phebe H. Meader, Lucy J. Hawkes, Lydia Taylor, Eliza B. Boyce, Ann B. Earle, Anna T. Dennis, Rachel S. Howland, Mary E. Breed, Susan Howland, Mary A. Smith and Elizabeth Meader.]

We appoint our friends Thomas Harkness, Micajah C. Pratt, David Kelly, Caleb Jones, Richard Battey, Thomas B. Nichols, Jesse Roberts and Joseph Taylor, to prepare a summary of the answers to the Queries received at this time and present it to our next sitting.

Adjourned to 10 o'clock to-morrow morning.

THIRD DAY MORNING, the 16th, the meeting convened pursuant to adjournment. Representatives present except one.

The meeting entered upon the annual consideration of the state of Society and was favored with a precious covering of solemnity. As in former years, the answer to the 1st query from our subordinate meetings manifested a deficiency in the due attendance on the part of some of our members of the meetings established for the worship of our Heavenly Father

and we were introduced into deep exercise in consequence of it, and much pertinent counsel was offered, and pathetic appeals were made, calculated to incite to greater faithfulness in the discharge of this high duty. The time that we shall be permitted to continue in this state of being, is known only to Him who giveth us "life and breath and all things," and it becomes us very frequently to look forward to the termination of our sojourn on earth, and endeavor to realize what then will be the view that we shall be brought to take of the use of time. It is then we shall know that we have devoted it, in by far to too great an extent, to the pursuit after those things which perish with the using—to the gratification of our fancied pleasures—to the attainment of the treasures of this present world, rather than to the service of Him, before whom we are then to stand—and to the laying up for ourselves treasure in Heaven. If we duly regard the first and great commandment—if we really love God, as is therein enjoined, we shall rejoice to unite with our fellow believers in rendering to him worship and praise—in manifesting before men our fidelity, our allegiance and our gratitude to Him—bowing humbly before Him, under a sense of his Almightyness, and our own nothingness—of his riches and our poverty. Let us continually bear upon our hearts, the love and mercy of our God to us, blessing us every day of our lives, granting unto us what is required for our temporal necessities, but above all let us dwell on His matchless provision for our salvation through His own beloved Son, who for our sakes became poor, and in the form of a servant walked among men. If we realized our dependence upon this manifestation of love and mercy, if we felt the infinite importance of things pertaining to a future life in comparison with the present, we should not only be fearful of omitting to render unto Him all that He calls for at our hands, but should rejoice in being permitted to offer unto Him every sacrifice that He will condescend in His mercy to accept. All true disciples of Jesus are engaged to keep the eye fixed upon him for guidance, the

ear opened to hear His gracious words, and loving Him, are prepared to testify that they have witnessed His gracious promise verified in their experience, that when they have met in His name, however few in number, He has been with them, and in great mercy has been pleased to break unto them the bread of life, that bread without which we must all utterly perish. Friends were earnestly exhorted to be faithful in encouraging one another in the discharge of this important duty, taking each other by the hand, saying, come brother, let us go together into the house of the Lord, the place for the offering of prayer. Parents were tenderly entreated to take with them to our meetings, their precious children, looking humbly unto the source of all good for a blessing upon their engagement. Love to brethren is a necessary and invariable fruit of love to God, and deep has been our exercise that love and unity may more and more abound, and that tale-bearing and detraction, so degrading in their nature, should not be so much as named among us.

Believing as we religiously do, and as this Society has always believed, that the Holy Scriptures were written by holy men of old as they were moved by the Holy Ghost, that they are able to make wise unto salvation through faith in Christ Jesus; that they are they which testify of Him, our only hope of salvation, an earnest concern was manifested to encourage every individual and every family to a sacred regard for, and daily reverent perusal of them.

Having proceeded with the queries and answers to the 3d inclusive, the Meeting adjourned to 4 o'clock.

In the afternoon Friends again assembled, and continued in the consideration of the state of Society by reading the remaining queries and answers.

By the reports received it appears that the testimonies of truth are pretty well maintained in our various meetings, yet we desire the encouragement of Friends to unflinching faithfulness in their support before the world, that others seeing

their good works may be brought to glorify our Father who is in Heaven.

And while we have been thus exercised on account of the state of Society as now presented to us, our feelings, both at the present and at a previous sitting, have been enlarged and extended towards those who were formerly members of our religious Society, and this Yearly Meeting has been concerned to encourage Friends every where within our limits to continue to cultivate love and christian charity towards those who have separated from us, that if it be the will of the great Head of the church that any of these should return to us the door may be kept open for them to do so, in the good order of our religious society. We are comforted in believing that the spirit of restoring love has been cherished among us, and we trust, that where any of the class alluded to are drawn to return, its manifested prevalence may prove encouraging and strengthening to them.

Smithfield Quarterly Meeting proposes that the time of holding the Select Quarterly Meeting at Worcester in the second month, be changed from two to three o'clock of the day on which it is now held, with which this meeting unites.

Having at this meeting the acceptable company of our beloved friend Delana Bond, companion of our friend Anna Thornburgh, a satisfactory testimonial on her behalf from Spiceland Monthly Meeting, was read.

The committee on correspondence is requested to prepare and present to a future sitting, suitable minutes for our friends, with certificates, now in attendance of this meeting from other Yearly Meetings on this continent.

A testimony of Salem Monthly Meeting, approved by Salem Quarterly Meeting, concerning our beloved ancient friend Estes Newhall, deceased, was received and read. We have felt our loss in the absence, at this time, of our dear friend from his accustomed seat in this meeting, and desiring that his long and steady example of christian simplicity and faithfulness may be followed by us, and that we may mark his end

of peace, the testimony, which is approved by this Meeting, is directed to be recorded.

Adjourned to 10 o'clock to-morrow morning.

FOURTH, DAY MORNING the 17th, Friends assembled according to adjournment. The representatives present except one.

The records of the Meeting for Sufferings for the past year, were laid before us and read, and the proceedings of that Meeting in relation to the various subjects that have claimed its attention, are satisfactory to this Meeting; and we appoint our friends John Osborne, Moses Huntington, Jr., Thomas Estes, Edmund Gardner, Stephen A. Chase, John D. Lang, Thomas S. Gifford, Samuel Boyd Tobey, Samuel Taylor, David Kelley, Edward Earle, Stephen Jones, Daniel Shepherd, David Buffum, William C. Taber, Caleb Jones, Samuel Boyce and John Meader to propose to a future sitting the names of Friends to compose a Meeting for Sufferings for the ensuing year.

The Meeting for Sufferings having, in pursuance of the direction of this Meeting last year, raised a sum of money for the purpose of equalizing the travelling expenses of Friends of this Yearly Meeting attending the same, and having appointed our friend Micajah C. Pratt as Treasurer of this fund, and a committee of two from each Quarterly Meeting to attend to the collection and appropriation thereof, these proceedings and appointments are approved and confirmed by this Meeting.

The Meeting for Sufferings having proposed that Friends' Meeting House and lot on Milton Place, in Boston, should be sold and the proceeds thereof invested in a fund to be preserved for the purpose of providing a Meeting House for Friends in Boston, should this be deemed desirable at any future day, and the income in the meantime from year to year appropriated to such purposes as this Meeting may direct; the proposition is approved and sanctioned by us, and the Meeting for Sufferings is requested to attend to the subject and effect a sale of said property whenever in its judgment

it may be advantageously done, and invest the amount received for such sale, as proposed; and the Treasurer of this Meeting is authorized when requested to do so by the Meeting for Sufferings, to execute, on our behalf, the necessary deeds of conveyance, attaching his seal thereto as the seal of this Yearly Meeting.

Testimonies of Berwick Monthly Meeting, approved by Dover Quarterly Meeting, concerning our late beloved friends Joseph Brackett and Salome C. Brackett, were received and read, and unity with these testimonials respecting our late dear friends was feelingly expressed, and it was directed that they be recorded.

Adjourned to 4 o'clock this afternoon.

Afternoon, met by adjournment.

The committee on Education presented the subjoined report, which is interesting and satisfactory to this Meeting, and we desire to encourage the committee to continue to give their attention to the objects of their appointment, believing that advantage has resulted from their care and labors. The friends now under appointment are continued a committee on this interesting subject and requested to report to this Meeting next year, viz:

"TO THE YEARLY MEETING.

The Committee on Education report:

That as in former years circulars have been addressed to correspondents in each Monthly Meeting, calling for statistical information, and from the answers received the following summary has been compiled, viz:

Number of children in the Yearly Meeting be-

tween the ages of 4 and 16 years,	1019
No. between 16 and 21 years,	450
" of Monthly Meeting Schools,	2
„ " Preparative Meeting Schools,	1
" " Family Schools,	4
" " Children attending Friends' Schools, exclusively as such,	161(estimated)

No. of Children attending mixed schools,	1136
“ “ these schools taught by Friends,	54
“ “ Children taught by Friends in mixed schools, reported as such, -	165
“ “ Members of Society within our limits who have been engaged in teaching,	102
“ “ Children that have attended the Year- ly Meeting Boarding School,	99
“ “ First Day Schools taught under the care of friends, - - -	25
Average continuance of these schools, about	6 months.
No. of children attending the same, -	579
“ “ “ “ who are members of our religious Society,	422

Several meetings of the Committee have been held during the year which have afforded an opportunity for a full interchange of views upon the subject referred to us, and we believe that the interest felt by friends in the cause in which we have been engaged continues unabated, and the Committee are encouraged in the persuasion from actual observation within our limits that the guarded education of our youth is an interesting object of concern to a large, and we trust an increasing number of Friends.

Soon after the organization of the Committee, in view of the intimate connection which our Yearly Meeting Boarding School has with the important interest confided to us, and to insure the attendance of some of our number at the semi-annual examinations of that Institution, a few Friends were appointed to that service who have at this time made an interesting report.

We were particularly interested in learning from this report that there is an increase in the number of those who are desirous of extending their stay at the school and of thus availing themselves of a more liberal course of study than is otherwise attainable; and we believe that the course adopted by the School Committee (as published in the annual catalogue)

and which has been entered by a number of pupils, will commend itself to general favor; while it may be fairly presumed that the standard required for obtaining the diploma of the Institution will be gradually and perhaps considerably elevated.

We regret to observe the considerable decrease in the number of children reported as attending select schools while we are at the same time gratified to learn that upwards of one hundred of our members have during the past year been engaged in teaching within our limits.

Gladly would we be able to report an increased number of select schools not only on account of the undoubted need of all these auxiliaries, both at present and prospectively, as regards the preservation and prosperity of our Society, but especially as furnishing an evidence of that careful home culture which we trust a large number of concerned Friends continue to appreciate and maintain. For we believe it will generally be found that the more care is given to scriptural and religious instruction at home, the more will Friends value both the select and the First Day school. On the subject of family instruction, which has often claimed our consideration, we would remark that from an early day Friends have regarded it as an important part of that religious and guarded education which they so carefully inculcated. The enlarged mind of George Fox was early engaged in the cause of education and in the establishment of schools for instructing the young "in whatsoever things are civil and useful in the creation," thus embracing a wide range and showing that he held no narrow view of the benefits of that "good instruction" which, as William Penn observes, "is better than riches." He frequently visited these schools and appeared deeply interested in their progress, but on the subject of family training his advice often repeated may perhaps at this time be briefly revived. Very clear was his view of the christian duty of family instruction and exhortation, an engagement we believe not only a part of our reasonable service as christian parents, but

one often greatly blessed to those who are exercised therein. He says, "*All* Friends, train up your children in the fear of God." "Dear Friends exhort all your families at times and seasons that they may be informed in the Truth." When you were *professors only* many of you did inform and instruct them in the *form* when you had not the *power*, and now being brought into the truth ye should be *more* diligent to exhort and instruct them. Again, "It is desired that all Friends who have children, families and servants may train them up in the pure and unspotted religion, and in the nurture and fear of God, and that frequently they read the Holy Scriptures, which is much better than to be gadding abroad, and exhort and admonish them that every family apart may serve and worship the Lord as well as in public. Therefore consider, you that profess the new covenant of the Spirit, what care lies upon you in your families, of teaching and instructing your servants and children." Unfaithfulness herein has, we fear, been prolific of sad fruits, both in individual cases and in the experience of our Society, while an increased care and labor in this regard would, we believe, be attended with the Divine blessing.

For the Committee,

SAMUEL AUSTIN, *Clerk.*

Newport, sixth month, 17th, 1857.

[*Committee.*—George Bowen, Joseph Macumber, Jonathan Freeborn, Chas. W. Earle, Thos. S. Gifford, Abner Slade, Samuel Austin, Caleb M. Paine, Timothy C. Collins, Abel F. Collins, Charles F. Coffin, Jr., Joseph Nichols, Josiah D. Challis, Thomas Folsom, Thomas W. Thorndike, Joseph Hoag, Stephen T. Dillingham, Newell Hoxsie, Nathan T. Shepherd, Samuel Brown, Isaac R. Potter, George W. Francis, Adrian Davis, John Macumber, Henry T. Wood, Wm. R. Taber, Mathew Barney, Abm. R. Wing, Rufus Horton, Harrison Magoon, Stephen Sweet, Joseph Cartland, Oliver Pope, Elisha Jones, John Cartland, Abraham Winslow, David Babcock, John E. Fry, Samuel H.

Colton, Timothy K. Earle, Wm. Cook, Wm. H. Aldrich, Eli Jones, Alfred H. Jones, Thos. B. Nichols, Joseph H. Cole, Wm. Taber, Joseph H. Pratt, Walter Sawyer, Jonathan Nutter, Albert C. Buffum, Timothy B. Hussey, Ezra Gould, Lewis Hoag, Wm. A. Sampson, Levi Jones, Joseph Taylor, Isaac Winslow, Joseph Winslow, Randall Stewart,

Elizabeth T. Chase, Mary Rodman, Sarah Slade, Maria Buffington, Phebe Reynolds, Mary Ann Sisson, Electa Jane Collins, Dorcas G. Babcock, Dorcas B. Robinson, Susan Shove, Eunice B. Boyce, Anne A. Chase, Mary T. Gove, Cynthia W. Huntington, Sabina A. Page, Hannah Page, Phebe Kelley, Elizabeth Dillingham, Susan Shepherd, Maria Brown, Phebe R. Gifford, Maria B. Smith, Rebecca Church, Phebe Slade, Sarah Barker, Sarah M. Easton, Anna G. Wood, Susan G. Kempton, Mary B. Osborne, Abigail Hodges, Mary R. Hadwin, Abigail Wheeler, Sarah C. Fry, Lucy Collins, Hannah Meader, Nabby Bean, Eunice J. Rich, Esther Jones, Maria Pope, Jane Pope, Nancy Frost, Anna Milliken, Lydia P. Fry, Rachel B. Nichols, Mary R. Jones, Rachel Jones, Hannah Taber, Elizabeth T. Cook, Sarah B. Roberts, Mercy Osborne, Cynthia Buffum, Hannah Morrell, Sarah Hoag, Abigail C. Beede, Cynthia F. Jones, Elizabeth G. Sampson, Phebe Taylor, Sarah Winslow, Eunice Winslow and Sarah Maria Stewart.]

The Committee on the concern of this Meeting for the Indians located west of the Mississippi make the following Report, which is satisfactory to us and the Committee is continued and encouraged to attend to the object of their appointment in any way that may be opened in the Truth—viz :

“TO THE YEARLY MEETING.

The Committee under appointment to have charge of the concern of the Yearly Meeting on the subject of the Indians residing west of the Mississippi river, report

That the subject has claimed their attention during the past year, and although they have not been engaged in any active service, they believe there may be something yet for Friends to do for these much injured people.

The subject has claimed the attention of our friends of New York, and at their late Yearly Meeting they appointed a Committee to unite with similar Committees of other Yearly Meetings in considering or acting as may seem best in the concern of Friends for the improvement of these people.

A portion of that Committee have attended with us at the meeting of our Committee at this time, as well as one member of the Committee on Indian affairs of Indiana Yearly Meeting.

With these Friends we have had a free conference on the subject of our appointment, and various matters of interest relating thereto have been considered.

We are not however prepared at the present time to recommend to the Yearly Meeting any definite action, but believe it may be best for the Yearly Meeting to continue their care upon the subject by a Committee.

On behalf of the Committee,

JOHN D. LANG,
WM. C. TABER.

Newport, 6th mo. 16th, 1857."

[*Committee.*—Stephen A Chase, John Meader, Samuel Taylor, John D. Lang, John Osborne, Samuel Boyce, Samuel Boyd Tobey, George Howland, Jr., Eli Jones, William C. Taber, David Buffum and Joseph Cartland.]

The Committee on the concern of this Meeting for the tribes of Penobscot and Passamaquadda Indians, made the following Report, which is acceptable, and together with the verbal communications of the Committee, has proved interesting to us—and our Committee is continued under appointment, and requested to attend as way may open for it, to the concern of this Meeting and report to us next year, viz:

“TO THE YEARLY MEETING.

The Committee having charge of the concern of this Meeting for the improvement of the condition of the Penobscot and Passamaquadda tribes of Indians, report

That the subject has from time to time claimed our attention, but way has not opened for much active service the past year, yet we have the satisfaction of informing that they are gradually advancing in the comforts of civilized life, under the fostering care of the State Government, which is now favorably and successfully extending to them the benefits of education in accordance with the wishes of the Committee.

We would propose that the Meeting continue to extend its care to this hitherto neglected portion of the human family.

On behalf of the Committee,

STEPHEN JONES,
JOHN MEADER.

Newport, 6th mo. 16th, 1857."

[*Committee*.—John D. Lang, Asa Jones, Stephen Jones, Joseph Taber, Caleb Jones, Moses Taber, John Meader, Nathan Douglas, Allen Wing, Caleb Nichols, Daniel Taber, Samuel Taylor and Eli Jones.]

The Committee to settle the Treasurer's account, &c. made the following report, viz :

"TO THE YEARLY MEETING.

The Committee to settle the Treasurer's account, &c. report that they have attended to their appointment, and find a balance in his hands of Ten hundred and fifty-two and $\frac{35}{100}$ dollars—and propose that one thousand dollars be raised for the use of this Meeting—and David Buffum for Treasurer.

For the Committee,

THOMAS HARKNESS.

Newport, 6th mo., 17th, 1857."

which is acceptable, and our Quarterly Meetings are requested to forward their several proportions of \$1000, the sum proposed to be raised, to our friend David Buffum, whom we appoint our Treasurer.

The Committee appointed to propose the names of Friends

to compose a Meeting for Sufferings, presented the following, which are approved and they are appointed to act on our behalf, according to the original organization and purposes of that Meeting, during the ensuing year, viz: Rowland Greene, John Osborne, David Buffum, Perez Peck, William Reynolds, Joseph Metcalf, John Meader, Samuel Boyd Tobey, John D. Lang, Samuel Taylor, Edmund Chace, Allen Wing, Samuel Boyce, Joseph Taber of Albion, Timothy C. Collins, Thomas Harkness, Stephen Jones, David K. Aiken, Stephen A. Chase, David Douglass, William Farr, William C. Taber, Tobias Meader, Micajah C. Pratt, Thomas Jones, George Howland, Jr., Benajah Buffum, Caleb Jones, Alden Sampson, Wm. A. Robinson, Stephen Beede, Gilbert Congdon, Richard Battey, Ebenezer Frye, Henry M. Minott, Elisha Jones of Windham, John Page, Charles R. Tucker, Lemuel Gifford, Nathan Breed of Lynn, Joseph Taylor, George Bowen, Newell Hoxie, David Kelly, Moses Huntington, Jr., Thomas S. Gifford and Edward Earle.

Adjourned to 4 o'clock to-morrow afternoon.

FIFTH DAY AFTERNOON, the 18th, the Meeting again assembled. The Representatives all present except one.

Accompanying the Epistle from our friends of New York we have received the following information respecting correspondents, viz:

In Coeymans Monthly Meeting: Joseph Bedell is appointed in place of John Gritman, removed out of its limits. Address, *Coxsackie, Greene Co., N. Y.*

Farmington Monthly Meeting: Joseph Baker in place of Joseph Underwood, removed. Address, *Macedon, Wayne Co. N. Y.*

Queensbury Monthly Meeting: George B. Eddy, in place of James Mott. Address, *Glenn's Falls, Warren Co., N. Y.*

Moreau Monthly Meeting: Abner De Vol. Address, *Gansvoort, Saratoga Co., N. Y.*

Rasin Monthly Meeting: Peleg C. Haviland, in place of

Charles Haviland, deceased. Address, *Adrian, Lenawee Co. Mich.*

Our brethren of London Yearly Meeting, in their Epistle addressed to us of the present year, inform that they propose forwarding to this Meeting, a document issued by that Meeting, entitled "A salutation in the love of Christ to all who bear the name of Friend," and also "A Minute addressed to parents on the important and interesting subject of early religious training." These documents not having yet come to hand, the Meeting for Sufferings is requested to receive and dispose of on behalf of this Meeting.

The Committee to attend to the apportionment of a reprint of 3500 copies of the London General Epistle, report that they have attended to the service, and the Representatives are requested to convey them to their respective Quarterly Meetings.

The Clerk is directed to sign on our behalf the following minute prepared by the Committee on Correspondence on account of our friend Daniel Wood, and similar minutes for our friends Jonah Hole, Ellwood Ozbun, William H. Chase, Anna Thornburg and Debornh C. Hinsdale, viz :

"Our beloved friend Daniel Wood attended this Meeting. His company and religious services have been acceptable to us."

The Clerk is also directed to sign on our behalf the following minute, prepared by the Committee on Correspondence on account of our friend Solomon Macy, and similar ones for our friends Elizabeth Wood, Sarah Hole, Davis Pegg, Maria Willets, William Cromwell and Delana Bond, viz :

"Our beloved friend Solomon Macy attended this Meeting. His company and solid deportment have been acceptable and satisfactory to us."

Essays of Epistles to our brethren of the Yearly Meetings of London, Ireland, New York, Baltimore, North Carolina, Ohio and Indiana, were presented by the Committee on Correspondence, which were approved by the Meeting, and the Clerk directed to sign them on our behalf, and forward them to those Meetings respectively.

The Clerk is requested to cause to be printed 3000 copies of Extracts from the Minutes of this Meeting, and forward them to our subordinate Meetings.

Having been favored to attend to the various important concerns of the Church that have come before us, in harmony and love, and desiring, with humble thankfulness, to commemorate the continued mercy of our Heavenly Father in that he has been pleased, as we reverently trust, to own us from season to season, during the whole course of this Yearly Meeting, we now solemnly conclude, proposing to meet again on this island, at the usual time, next year, if the Lord permit.

SAMUEL BOYD TOBEY,

Clerk to the Meeting this year.

EXTRACTS

FROM

THE MINUTES

OF

NEW ENGLAND YEARLY MEETING

OF

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MINUTES.

At the Yearly Meeting of Friends, for New England, held on Rhode Island, commencing with public meetings for worship at Newport and Portsmouth, on first day, the 13th, and for discipline, at Newport, on second day morning, the 14th of sixth month, 1858:—

Ry the Reports received from our Quarterly Meetings, it appears that the following Friends have been appointed representatives to this meeting, viz:

From RHODE ISLAND—David Buffum, John Meader, Edmund Chace, Joseph Metcalf, Perez Peck, William A. Robinson, Moses H. Beede and Abner Slade.

From SALEM—Thomas Folsom, Moses Huntington, Jr., John Huntington, Nathan Breed, Solomon Varney, Moses F. Rogers, Micajah C. Pratt, John Page and Stephen A. Chase.

From SANDWICH—David Kelley, Isaac R. Gifford, Joseph Wing, William C. Taber, Christopher C. Hussey, Nathan T. Shepherd, William Tucker, George Howland, Jr., Stephen Dillingham and John W. Gifford.

From FALMOUTH—Caleb Jones, Henry M. Minott, David Winslow, Joseph Hawkes, George P. Day and Josiah Winslow.

From SMITHFIELD—Richard Battey, Charles Hadwen, John Milton Earle, James Comstock, Edward Earle and Reuben A. Wheeler.

From VASSALBORO'—Stephen Jones, Jacob H. Vining, John D. Lang, Joseph H. Pratt, James Van Blarcom, Eli Jones, David Robinson and Thomas Frye.

From DOVER—Benajah Buffum, Timothy Hanson, Jacob K. Purinton and Oliver Meader.

From FAIRFIELD—Allen Wing, Alden Sampson, Charles F. Coffin, Charles M. Bailey, David Douglas, Joseph Taylor, Levi Jones and Moses Bailey,—

whose names being called, they were all present except three, for whose absence sufficient reasons were assigned.

Our beloved friends, Priscilla Green and Mary Nicholson, from Great Britain, who attended this meeting last year, and whose certificates were then read and duly recognized on our records, are now again acceptably with us, and the testimonials of unity with them as Ministers, and with their present religious engagement from their respective meetings, have been again read to our comfort, giving renewed evidence of the good order of the Church in relation to concerns of this important and solemn nature.

We have, at this Meeting, the acceptable company of our beloved friends, Olney Thompson, of Bloomington Monthly Meeting, State of Iowa; Thomas Jay, of Back Creek Monthly Meeting, Indiana; James Jordan, of Amawalk Monthly Meeting, New York; and Phebe Ann Sands, of Purchase Monthly Meeting; and satisfactory certificates of unity with them as Ministers, and with their present religious engagements from their respective meetings, were read.

We have also the acceptable company of our beloved friends, Jesse Small, companion to our friend Thomas Jay;

Lydia Thompson, who accompanies her husband, Olney Thompson; Mary Lane, companion to our friend Phebe Ann Sands, and of our friends William Beard and his wife Matilda Beard; and satisfactory testimonials concerning them, and of unity with them in their present engagements, have been presented and read.

The London General Epistle for 1857, has been received, and read; and deeming the important, practical, christian truths therein referred to, deserving of our close and abiding attention, we appoint our friends George Howland, Jr., and Samuel Boyce, to cause a reprint of 3500 copies to be distributed among our subordinate meetings through the representatives now in attendance of this Meeting.

We have received, at this time, affectionate and very acceptable salutations of love from our dear brethren of the Yearly Meetings of London, Ireland, New York, Baltimore, North Carolina, Ohio, and Indiana,—bringing them very near to us in christian fellowship; and we appoint the following friends to prepare and present to a future sitting, as way opens for it, essays of epistles to these several meetings; and also to Western Yearly Meeting, to be opened the present year, viz.: William C. Taber, Charles F. Coffin, John D. Lang, Lemuel Gifford, John Osborne, Samuel Boyce, Stephen A. Chase, Newell Hoxie, John Meader, Joseph Metcalf, Daniel Beede, George Howland, Jr., John Milton Earle, Samuel Boyd Tobey, Joseph Cartland, Daniel R. Bailey, Thomas S. Gifford, Joseph Taylor, James Van Blarcom, Joseph Pratt, Joseph Tuttle, David Buffum, Moses H. Beede, George Bowen, Caleb Jones, David K. Akin, Henry T. Wood, John Page, Gilbert Congdon, Thomas Grover and William A. Robinson.

The several Quarterly Meetings inform that they have given the necessary attention to raising the stock called for by this meeting last year; and we appoint our friends Thomas Harkness, Micajah C. Pratt, Abraham Barker, Henry M. Minott, Stephen Jones, Samuel H. Colton, Jacob K. Purinton and Alden Sampson, to examine and settle the treasurer's

account; to propose a suitable sum to be raised for the use of this meeting the present year, and the name of a Friend for treasurer.

By the Reports received at this time, it appears that *Rhode Island* Quarterly Meeting has united with Rhode Island Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Hannah Dame, wife of Jonathan Dame, to the station of an Elder, and with Swanzey Monthly Meeting in appointing Abner Slade, to the same station; and that Mary A. Collins, (widow of Abel Collins, of North Stonington, Connecticut), an Elder of South Kingstown Monthly Meeting, died the 20th of 2d month, 1858, aged 85 years, 3 months, and 11 days; that *Sandwich* has united with New Bedford Monthly Meeting in acknowledging the gift and approving the public ministry of Hannah T. Taber; that *Smithfield* has united with Smithfield Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Ann Maria Crowley and Roanna W. Grover, to the station of Elders; and that Smith Battey, a minister of Smithfield Monthly Meeting, died 11th month, 16th, 1857, aged 50 years, 7 months and 12 days; and that Joseph Gaskell, an Elder of Uxbridge Monthly Meeting, deceased 10th month, 8th, 1857, aged 57 years, 2 months, and 9 days. *Vassalboro'* Quarterly Meeting informs of the decease of Rachel W. Jones, a Minister, on the 14th of 10th month, 1857, aged 65 years; and of Clement Rackliff, an Elder, the 16th of 3d month, 1858, aged 82 years, 11 months, and 8 days; and *Fairfield* Quarterly Meeting informs that it has united with St. Albans Monthly Meeting in acknowledging the gift, and approving the public appearances in the ministry, of Nicholas Sanford.

Adjourned to 4 o'clock, this afternoon.

Afternoon—met by adjournment.

John Meader, on behalf of the representatives, informed that they had conferred together, and were united in proposing Samuel Boyd Tobey for Clerk, and Stephen A. Chase, for Assistant Clerk, which being approved, they are appointed to those stations for the ensuing year.

The records of this Meeting for last year were now presented and read.

The Committee of this Meeting for the Superintendence of our Boarding School, presented their Annual Report, which is interesting and satisfactory to this Meeting, and our friends William A. Robinson, Moses H. Beede, Nathan Breed, Thomas Folsom, Charles R. Tucker, William P. Howland, Rufus Horton, George P. Day, John Osborne, Richard Battey, Stephen Jones, Joseph Taber, Joseph Tuttle, John Estes, Allen Wing and Joseph Taylor, are appointed to propose at a future sitting, the names of suitable friends to constitute a School Committee for the ensuing year.

“TO THE YEARLY MEETING,

The Committee for the Superintendence of the Yearly Meeting Boarding School, at Providence, report—

That they have given attention to the objects of their appointment. The two terms of the School have been held, under the superintendence of Joseph and Gertrude W. Cartland, as Principals,—assisted during the summer term by John F. Rowell, Elizabeth Arnold, Rebecca H. Smiley, as teachers of the English branches; by Franklin E. Page, in mathematics; Daniel D. Patten and Albert Palmer, each a part of the term, in Classical studies; by Caroline H. Pinkham, in needle-work, Mary A. Potter, in drawing, and by Alphonse Renaud, in French. In the winter term, Daniel D. Patten was the Classical teacher for the term—the other teachers remaining as in the summer term, except that Rebecca D. Wing and Mary S. Harris, took the places of Caroline H. Pinkham and Elizabeth Arnold. Lectures on some branches of Natural Science were delivered in the winter term, by Samuel Austin.

The usual course of studies has been pursued. The de-

portment of the scholars, has been generally satisfactory—as much so, perhaps, as at any former period of the School. The methods of teaching have kept pace with the improvements which experience has suggested, and a general disposition among the scholars has been apparent to avail themselves of the advantages thus afforded.

Harmony has prevailed in the family, and a disposition to labor unitedly for the good of the institution.

The meetings for worship on First Day mornings, have been regularly held in the school house. They have been generally attended by members of the committee, and often by other concerned Friends, and have proved interesting seasons. At other times, the family attend meetings in Providence.

It has been the concern of the committee, that the minds of the children should be impressed with a sense of the vital importance of religion, of the necessity of an acquaintance with the truths recorded in Holy Scripture, and of a careful attention to the monitions of Truth in their own minds.

During the winter term, there were fifty-two cases of measles in the school. The disease was exhibited in a mild form, and all who were attacked, recovered. The circumstance of this sickness occasioned much additional care and responsibility to the Principals, and we think it due to them to say, that the duties, thus devolving upon them, were cheerfully and faithfully performed,—and it is cause of thankfulness, that among so many cases of disease, the lives of all were preserved.

There were admitted and came to the school, as scholars for the summer term, seventy-three males and sixty-six females; and for the winter term, ninety-one males, and seventy females, and nearly all of them attended through these terms respectively.

The arrangement with the Principals for the management of the affairs of the school, has been continued upon the same terms as last year. Some expense has been incurred in repairs and alterations necessarily made upon the school premises, during the year, the amount of which appears in the statement of expenditures.

The result of the annual examination of the accounts of the Institution, may be stated as follows, viz:

CHARITABLE FUND.

In treasurer's hands last year	\$95 00
Receipts	310 00
Due the treasurer from this fund, at this time	75 00
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	\$480 00
Payments for the board and tuition of twelve scholars, one term each	\$480 00

GENERAL FUND.

Receipts from the income of the School Fund . \$6,122 14

Payments (exclusive of those to be made by the Principal.)

Fire insurance	\$165 00
Repairs on the school premises	1,125 48
To Joseph Cartland, on contract	3,000 00
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	\$4,290 48

Which deducted from the receipts leaves an excess of \$1,831 66

Of which excess \$214 31 is in the hands of the treasurer, and the balance has been applied to payments on account of the interest and principal of the debt of the Institution;—leaving the present amount of indebtedness, less the amount in treasurer's hands, and exclusive of accrued interest \$2,285 69

We propose that the summer and winter terms of the school should commence and continue as last year—and that the charge for board and tuition remain without change, viz: \$40 per term for members of our Yearly Meeting, \$60 for members of other Yearly Meetings, and where one or both parents are members of our religious society, or the scholars are sent at the charge of such members; and \$100 for any others who may be admitted. That \$5 per term, additional charge, continue to be made for instruction, either in the Ancient Languages, in French, or in Drawing, books and stationery being furnished as heretofore at actual cost.

The regulations respecting the time of payment, manner and times of admission of scholars, &c., we append to this report, with the view of their being again sent to the subordinate meetings, for the information of Friends.

Signed on behalf of the committee,

STEPHEN A. CHASE, Clerk."

Providence, fifth month, 7th, 1858.

Regulations referred to in the above report of the School Committee.

"As the number to be admitted is limited to eighty of each sex, it will be necessary that the committee should be seasonably informed of all in this Yearly Meeting that desire to occupy places in the school, in order that they may determine how many others, if any, may be received.

Application should therefore be made for members of our Yearly Meeting, seasonably to be laid before the committee at their Meetings to be held in the 3d and 9th months—as heretofore determined by the Yearly Meeting.

At this Meeting, applications for the admission of members of our Yearly Meeting will have precedence of all others.

After this time, applications for the admission of scholars will be considered in the order in which they are made.

Monthly Meetings desirous of occupying the privilege of the Charitable Fund, are requested to send their applications as heretofore, in season for the meeting of the committee in the ninth month, and to specify whether they desire it during the winter or succeeding summer term. And friends are requested to observe the various regulations adopted by the Yearly Meeting, in order for admission of scholars into the school.

It is desired that payment for each term be made in advance, but if in any case this is not practicable, one half to be made at the commencement, and the balance at the middle of the term.

It is expected that scholars will be at the school punctually at the commencement of the term, but if circumstances occur to prevent such attendance, notice is to be forwarded to the Principals within one week of that time, stating whether or not their places are desired to be reserved for them. A fail-

ure to attend the school or to give the notice above specified, shall be considered a relinquishment of the privilege, unless again admitted by the committee; and in all cases of children being admitted for the term, and attending the school, it is expected that payment will be made for the term.

Friends of pupils, and others, visiting the school, will in future be expected to defray the expense arising to the Institution.

Application for admission into the school, and for the benefit of the Charitable Fund is to be made to the Principals.

Address, JOSEPH CARTLAND,
Principal Friends Boarding School, Providence, R. I."

We appoint our friends Gideon C. Smith, John Thorndike, William C. Taber, Rufus Horton, John Milton Earle, Josiah Philbrook, Jacob K. Purinton, and Levi Jones, to prepare a summary of the answers received, and present it at our next sitting.

Adjourned to 10 o'clock, to-morrow morning.

THIRD DAY MORNING, the 15th, the Meeting convened pursuant to adjournment—representatives all present but two.

Our beloved friend, Priscilla Green, informed this meeting that she apprehended that with her beloved companion, Mary Nicholson, she might not find it required of her, before returning to her native land, again to attend a Yearly Meeting here; whereupon, we appoint Samuel Boyd Tobey, William C. Taber, Stephen A. Chase, John D. Lang and John Meader to unite with a similar committee of the Women's Meeting, in preparing suitable returning minutes for our dear sisters, and present them at a future sitting.

The Meeting now entered into a consideration of the state of Society, by reading the queries and the answers received from our several Quarterly Meetings. A precious covering of love was felt to be spread over us, and a lively engagement evidenced for the prosperity of our religious society, as a branch of the one Christian Church. The answers reveal, as in former years, many individual deficiencies, which are cause

of mourning; and earnest have been the exhortations to faithful labor and fervent prayer for their removal. We were tenderly entreated to arise and shake ourselves as from the dust of the earth; to turn with full purpose of heart unto the Lord, the source of all good, the fountain of every mercy. We were reminded of the solemn truth that He speaketh upon the waters; that the God of glory thundereth; and entreated to hearken unto Him while yet His voice may be heard. Many and varied have been the trials and afflictions to which communities, far and wide, have been specially subjected of later time, and from which, we, as individuals, have not escaped; and a desire was earnestly expressed, that all these trials might work together for our good; that we might not place our affections on the things of this world or its uncertain riches, but know them weaned therefrom, and placed on things above, where Christ dwelleth. It was believed that the present is a day in which many realize that the Lord is solemnly calling upon them to return, repent and live, and earnest are our desires that none among us may neglect this holy call. It was earnestly pressed upon us to be found unceasingly faithful in the discharge of all our varied duties. The careful, daily, prayerful perusal of the Holy Scriptures was feelingly enjoined as containing the glad tidings of salvation—the record which God has been pleased to give us of His Son—and as such, they are to be sacredly regarded as of unspeakable value.

Having proceeded with the queries as far as the 3d, inclusive, the Meeting adjourned to 4 o'clock, P. M.

At the appointed hour, friends again assembled, and proceeded with the consideration of the state of Society. By the reports received, it appears that our testimonies are pretty well maintained, yet not without some exception. The importance of a faithful observance of our Discipline in regard to all our testimonies, was very sensibly felt, and Friends were encouraged to increased vigilance in these respects, believing that it is a day when we are especially

called upon to take care that our light shine before men, that they may be attracted to follow us, as we follow Christ. It is a time when the spirit of war seems more generally to prevail than at some other periods, and the ancient and noble testimony which Friends have ever borne to the peaceable nature of the Christian religion, was dwelt upon as peculiarly precious; and Friends were entreated to be faithful in maintaining it every where and under all circumstances. Christian moderation, on all occasions—a strict observance of the limitations of Truth, in regard to the attainment of the treasures of this life and the enjoyments of a temporal nature—was feelingly recommended; and the wisdom of Agur's prayer was brought before us—"Give me neither poverty nor riches;" "feed me with food convenient for me;" and we were recommended more fully to put our trust in Him who regards the sparrow that cometh to the ground, and who manifests His infinite care and unbounded love, by numbering the very hairs of our heads. We have been at this time again confirmed in the sure belief that the various testimonies which we as a people are engaged to maintain, are the testimonies of Truth, and are not therefore to be neglected by any of us, but conscientiously supported, in order that we may receive the blessing of Him from whom they spring. The advices contained in our Book of Discipline, in relation to various practical matters, were commended to our renewed and serious attention; and the ancient care and usages of our Society were seen to be very preserving and precious. "Stand ye in the ways, and see, and ask for the old paths, where is the good way, and walk therein, and ye shall find rest for your souls."

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We unite with the proposition of Dover Quarterly Meeting in the appointment of Stephen Beede, of Center Sandwich, N. H., as correspondent of Sandwich Monthly Meeting, made vacant by removal.

Adjourned to 10 o'clock, to-morrow morning.

FOURTH DAY MORNING, the 16th, the Meeting again assembled. The representatives present as yesterday.

The records of the Meeting for Sufferings, for the past year, were laid before this Meeting and read, and the proceedings of that Meeting in relation to the various subjects that have claimed its attention, are satisfactory to us; and the Friends now under appointment are continued, to constitute a Meeting for Sufferings, for the ensuing year, and requested to act on our behalf on all matters relating to the interests of our Society, agreeably to the original appointment and organization of that Meeting.

The committee appointed to settle the treasurer's account, and for other purposes, made the following report, viz :

“TO THE YEARLY MEETING.

The committee appointed to examine and settle the treasurer's account, &c., report they have attended to their appointment, and find a balance due to the treasurer, of eighteen hundred and forty-seven dollars and seventy-six cents; and they propose that twelve hundred dollars be raised for the use of the meeting, and David Buffum for treasurer.

Newport, 6mo. 15th, 1858.

THOMAS HARKNESS,
On behalf of the committee.”

which is satisfactory, and our several Quarterly Meetings are requested to forward their respective quotas of the sum proposed to be raised, to our friend David Buffum, whom we appoint our treasurer for the ensuing year.

The correspondent of Smithfield Monthly Meeting being rendered incapable, by disease, from performing the duties of that appointment, and the representatives from Smithfield Quarterly Meeting proposing the name of our friend John Osborne, we accordingly appoint him to that office.

Adjourned to 4 o'clock this afternoon.

Afternoon, met pursuant to adjournment.

The subject of our Boarding School, in relation to the ap-

pointment of a committee to superintend it, on behalf of this Meeting, being again brought before us, it is our judgment that a smaller number of Friends than at present, might more usefully compose that committee, and that it should be constituted of those who are willing to accept the appointment, and who are so situated that they can give their attention to the discharge of its duties; and the committee appointed, on Second Day afternoon, to propose the names of Friends to this Meeting, to constitute a School Committee, are requested to select a number not exceeding twelve, for this service, and present them to our next sitting.

The Committee on Education presented the subjoined report, which is interesting and satisfactory to this Meeting; and desiring the encouragement of the Friends now under appointment, (with the substitution of William Chase, Christopher C. Hussey, John W. Jones, Albert S. Payson and Benjamin G. Shepherd, for Friends removed from those Monthly Meetings,) they are continued a Committee of this Meeting on this important concern, to report next year, viz:

“TO THE YEARLY MEETING.

The Joint Committee on Education report:

That we have not been unmindful of our appointment, nor of the deep importance to the young and to our Society, of the interesting subject confided to us by the Yearly Meeting. As usual, little opportunity has been afforded the committee for mutual conference and interchange of sentiment, in a collective capacity, except during the week of the Yearly Meeting; yet a part of our number, at least, have endeavored, as way has opened for it, to promote the guarded education of the youth of our Society, and to diffuse among our members a deeper interest in this important work.

Answers have been received to circulars addressed to correspondents in each of our thirty Monthly Meetings, and from the statistical information contained therein, the following summary has been compiled:

Number of children in the Monthly Meeting, between			
the ages of 4 and 16 years	-	-	961
“ between 16 and 21 years	-	-	487

Number of Monthly Meeting Schools	-	-	2
“ of Preparative “ “	-	-	1
“ of Family Schools	-	-	5
“ of children attending Friends' Schools, exclu- sively as such	-	-	119
“ attending promiscuous schools	-	-	1137
“ of these schools taught by Friends	-	-	42
“ of children taught by Friends in mixed schools	-	-	175
“ of members of our Society who have been en- gaged in teaching within our limits	-	-	78
“ of First Day Schools taught by Friends	-	-	22
Average continuance of these schools, about 5 months.			
Number of children attending the same	-	-	654
“ “ who are members of our religious Society	-	-	371

It is but just to remark, with reference to the small number who are reported as in the attendance of schools exclusively confined to our own members, that, in addition to these, a very considerable number of our youth have been placed by parents, deeply interested for their welfare, in schools more or less select, some of which are taught by Friends, and are obtaining, we trust, a guarded literary education, free, at the same time, in a good degree, from the injurious influences which schools of a more promiscuous character are calculated to exert.

In the account from Vassalboro' Monthly Meeting, we are informed that “Oak Grove Seminary,” a Boarding School wholly under the care of Friends within the limits of that Meeting, is now in successful operation, under the charge of Eli Jones and Sarah B. Taber, as principal teachers, and that the progress of the pupils, at their examination at the close of the last term, was satisfactory to the Board of Managers. The average attendance of scholars, during the present term, has been about 90, of whom 76 were members of our Society.

While the scattered location of Friends in many parts of our Yearly Meeting, will doubtless contribute, with other causes, to prevent the association of these children in select schools, we have been very solicitous that all our members, upon whom have devolved the deeply interesting and responsible charge of providing for the training of our beloved youth, would, while commendably endeavoring to procure for them a literary education, be deeply sensible of the importance of that careful home culture which so largely contributes to the formation of character in the future man.

A judicious selection of books of an entertaining and instructive nature, carefully adapted to the minds of youth, will, we believe, be largely instrumental in promoting these objects; and we would encourage all those who have the training of young children, to a liberal provision of suitable reading matter in the little family circle.

It has been cause of regret to the committee, to observe that so small a proportion of the youth among us were in the enjoyment of the advantages to be derived from the attendance of First Day schools, and we are desirous that friends may be stimulated to increased efforts for the establishment and maintenance of these important auxiliaries to a religious education.

For the committee,

HENRY T. WOOD, Clerk.

Newport, 6th mo. 16th, 1858.

[*Committee.*—George Bowen, Joseph Macumber, Jonathan Freeborn, Chas. W. Earle, Thomas S. Gifford, Abner Slade, Samuel Austin, Caleb M. Paine, Timothy C. Collins, Abel F. Collins, Charles F. Coffin, Jr., William Chase, Josiah D. Chellis, Thomas Folsom, Thomas W. Thorndike, Joseph Hoag, Stephen Dillingham, Newell Hoxsie, Nathan T. Shepherd, Samuel Brown, Isaac R. Potter, George W. Francis, Adrian Davis, John Macumber, Henry T. Wood, William R. Taber, Mathew Barney, Christopher C. Hussey, Rufus Horton, John W. Jones, Stephen Swett, Joseph Cartland, Oliver Pope, Elisha Jones, John Cartland, Abraham Winslow, David Babcock, John E. Fry, Samuel H. Colton, Timothy K. Earle, Albert S. Payson, Wm. H. Aldrich, Eli Jones, Alfred H. Jones, Thomas B. Nichols, Joseph H. Cole, William Taber, Joseph H. Pratt, Walter Sawyer, Jonathan Nutter, Albert C. Buffum, Timothy B. Hussey, Ezra Gould, Lewis Hoag, Wm. A. Sampson, Levi Jones, Joseph Taylor, Isaac Winslow, Joseph Winslow, Benj. G. Shepherd,

Elizabeth T. Chase, Mary Rodman, Sarah Slade, Maria Buffington, Phebe Reynolds, Mary Ann Sisson, Electa Jane Collins, Dorcas G. Babcock, Dorcas B. Robinson, Susan Shove, Eunice B. Boyce, Anne A. Chase, Mary T. Gove, Cynthia W. Huntington, Sabina A. Page, Hannah Page, Phebe Kelley, Elizabeth Dillingham, Susan Shepherd, Maria Brown, Phebe R. Gifford, Maria B. Smith, Rebecca Church, Phebe Slade, Christina Macy, Sarah M. Easton, Anna G. Wood, Susan G.

Kempton, Mary B. Osborne, Abigail Hodges, Mary R. Hadwin, Abigail Wheeler, Sarah C. Fry, Lucy Collins, Hannah Meader, Nabby Bean, Eunice J. Rich, Esther Jones, Maria Pope, Jane Pope, Nancy Frost, Anna Milliken, Lydia P. Fry, Rachel B. Nichols, Mary R. Jones, Mary C. Jones, Hannah Taber, Elizabeth T. Cook, Sarah B. Roberts, Mercy Osborne, Cynthia Buffum, Hannah Morrell, Sarah Hoag, Abigail C. Beede, Cynthia F. Jones, Elizabeth G. Sampson, Phebe Taylor, Sarah Winslow, Eunice Winslow and Zilpha J. Shepherd.]

The committee on the concern of this Meeting for the Penobscott and Passamquadda tribes of Indians, presented the following report, which is acceptable to us. This concern is one that has been cherished by this Meeting for many years, and we have had thankfully to believe that our efforts for these tribes have been useful to them in various ways, and we desire that they may still feel that we are their friends, and are concerned for their good. Our committee is continued under appointment, and desired to report to this meeting next year.

"TO THE YEARLY MEETING.

The committee having charge of the concern of the Meeting for the improvement of the Penobscot and Passamquadda Indians, report, that they have not been unmindful of the service, and have endeavored to be prepared to embrace any opening that should present, to promote so desirable an object. But as it has not been convenient for any member of the committee to visit them the past season, we are not prepared to give much specific information in relation to their affairs. We learn, however, from various sources, that a school has been in successful operation among them, a portion of the past year, and that commendable improvement has been made by the children in attendance. We look to this branch of their education, with encouragement, in the hope that it may be continued until, under the blessing of an over-ruling Providence, it shall extend to all the different families of those tribes its healthful influence. There is reason to believe that the services of a similar committee, through the proper officers of

government, will be useful in promoting schools among them, and that their counsel would in various other ways be beneficial to the Indians, among whom there appears to be an increasing inclination to promote these desirable objects.

STEPHEN JONES,

JOHN D. LANG,

On behalf of the committee."

Newport, 6mo., 16th, 1858.

[*Committee.*—John D. Lang, Asa Jones, Stephen Jones, Joseph Taber, Caleb Jones, Moses Taber, John Meader, Nathan Douglas, Allen Wing, Caleb Nichols, Daniel Taber, Samuel Taylor and Eli Jones.]

The committee on the correspondence, is requested to present to our next sitting, suitable minutes for Friends now in attendance of this Meeting, from different Yearly Meetings in this country.

Adjourned to 4 o'clock, to-morrow afternoon.

FIFTH DAY AFTERNOON, the 17th, the Meeting again convened.

The representatives present, except two.

At this sitting of our Meeting, we have the acceptable company of our beloved friend Deborah C. Hinsdale, who presented satisfactory certificates from New York Monthly Meeting, and Westbury Quarterly Meeting, expressive of unity with her as a Minister, and with her present religious engagement.

We have also the acceptable company of our beloved friend Maria Willets, companion to our friend Deborah C. Hinsdale, who presented a satisfactory certificate from New York Monthly Meeting, expressing unity with her as an Elder, and with her present engagement.

The clerk is directed to furnish these Friends, on our behalf, with minutes, acknowledging their attendance.

The committee appointed to introduce names to constitute

a school committee, propose the following Friends for that service, viz. : Samuel Boyd Tobey, Gilbert Congdon, William C. Taber, Alden Sampson, Samuel Boyce, Gideon C. Smith, George Howland, Jr., John Meader, Charles R. Tucker, David Buffum, Stephen A. Chase and William A. Robinson, which are satisfactory to this Meeting, and they are accordingly appointed to unite with a similar committee of the Women's Meeting, in the superintendence of the school for the ensuing year, and to report to our next meeting.

The committee on the concern of this Meeting for the Indians located west of the Mississippi, made the following report, which, with verbal communications from the committee, is interesting to us, and we trust a door may ere long be opened, through which our concern may be more fully carried out. The committee is continued, and encouraged to embrace every right means to benefit this class of our fellow men, for whom this Meeting feels a deep interest, viz. :

"TO THE YEARLY MEETING,

The committee under appointment to have charge of the concern of the Yearly Meeting, on the subject of the Indians, residing west of the Mississippi river, report, that the subject has claimed their attention.

The long distance at which we are situated, and the unsettled state of affairs respecting the Indians of the west, especially in the territory of Kansas, to whom the attention of Friends has been more particularly directed, has measurably discouraged us from any active measures in this concern, the past year.

We have felt anxious lest the troubles alluded to, should unsettle the minds of the Indians, and involve them in the strife which has prevailed there. But we have been much relieved by learning, as we have, that the Indians have been preserved in a peaceable and quiet state; and we have great hopes they will so remain, and that the policy of the government, to locate them on smaller reservations secured to them in fee, will progress, and they be encouraged to apply themselves to agricultural pursuits. Friends, we think, may be useful to them in encouraging them to industry and fru-

gality in their new pursuits, and we have reason to believe still preserve their influence over them. Members of our Society are spreading westward, and we hope the time is not far distant when Friends here, will have the opportunity to exercise this influence for their good, and thus the concern of the Meeting be more fully carried out.

STEPHEN A. CHASE,
JOHN D. LANG."

Newport, 6mo., 16th, 1858.

[*Committee.*—Stephen A. Chase, John Meader, Samuel Taylor, John D. Lang, John Osborne, Samuel Boyce, Samuel Boyd Tobey, George Howland, Jr., Eli Jones, William C. Taber, David Buffum and Joseph Cartland.]

The committee appointed to cause to be distributed a reprint of the London general epistle, report, that they have attended to the service, and the representatives now in attendance of this Meeting are requested to convey them to the several Quarterly Meetings.

From New York Yearly Meeting, we have the following information in relation to correspondents:

FARMINGTON QUARTERLY MEETING.

Collins Monthly Meeting: Moses Huntington, in place of Sohn Strang, released at his request. Address, *Pontiac, Erie Co., N. Y.*

SCIPIO QUARTERLY MEETING.

Hector Monthly Meeting: Joshua Mekeel, in place of William Carman, deceased. Address, *Perry City, Schuyler Co., N. Y.*

PELHAM QUARTERLY MEETING.

Norwich Monthly Meeting: Jesse Stover, in place of Frederick Stover, deceased. Address, *Norwich, P. O., C. W.*

YONGE STREET QUARTERLY MEETING.

Yonge Street Monthly Meeting: Seneca Doane, in place of Augustus Rogers, deceased. Address, *New Market, C. W.*

The clerk is directed to sign, on our behalf, the following certificates for our friends Priscilla Green and Mary Nicholson.

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The clerk is directed to sign, on our behalf, the following minute, for our friend Olney Thompson, and similar ones for our friends Thomas Jay, James Jordan and Phebe Ann Sands, viz.:

“Our beloved friend Olney Thompson, attended this Meeting. His company and religious services have been acceptable to us.”

The clerk is directed to sign, on our behalf, the following minute for our friend Jesse Small, and similar ones for our friends Lydia Thompson, Mary Lane, William Beard and Matilda Beard, viz.:

“Our beloved friend Jesse Small, attended this Meeting. His company and solid deportment, have been acceptable and satisfactory to us.”

Essays of epistles to our brethren of London, Dublin, New York, Baltimore, North Carolina, Ohio, Indiana and Western Yearly Meetings, prepared by the committee on correspondence, were presented and read; and being approved by the Meeting, the clerk was directed to sign them, on our behalf, and forward them to those Meetings, respectively.

The clerk is requested to cause 3000 copies of Extracts from the Minutes of this Meeting, to be printed and forwarded to our subordinate Meetings.

Having, as we humbly trust, witnessed through the whole course of this Meeting, an extension of a measure of that holy help which has proved preserving, with feelings of gratitude for the mercies received, and commending all to the protect-

ing care of Him who regards the petitions of the humble, we now come to a solemn conclusion, proposing to meet again at this place at the usual time, next year, if our Heavenly Father so permit.

SAMUEL BOYD TOBEY, *Clerk.*

EXTRACTS

FROM

THE MINUTES

OF

NEW ENGLAND YEARLY MEETING

OF

FRIENDS.

1859.

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MINUTES.

AT the Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England, held on Rhode Island, commencing with public meetings for worship at Newport and Portsmouth, on first day, the 12th, and for discipline, at Newport, on second day morning, the 13th of sixth month, 1859 :—

By the Reports received from our Quarterly Meetings, it appears that the following Friends have been appointed representatives to this meeting, viz :

From RHODE ISLAND—Timothy C. Collins, James Dennis, Joseph Metcalf, Edmund Chase, David Buffum, Samuel Boyd Tobey, Josiah Chace, John Meader, Joseph C. Anthony, William A. Robinson and Perez Peck.

From SALEM—Moses Huntington, Jr., Samuel Boyce, Thomas W. Thorndike, Micajah C. Pratt, Josiah D. Challis and Moses F. Rogers.

From SANDWICH—Edmund Gardner, Calvin Shepherd, Newell Hoxie, Timothy Akin, Matthew Barney, William C. Taber, John W. Gifford, Joseph Taber and Lemuel Gifford.

From FALMOUTH—Nathan Douglas, Joshua Douglas, Henry M. Minott, Robert Goddard and Caleb Jones.

From SMITHFIELD—Thomas Grover, Samuel H. Colton, David Babcock, Edward Earle, Albert S. Payson and Isaac Steere.

From VASSALBORO—Stephen Jones, Thomas B. Nichols, Caleb Nichols, Elisha Mosher, Charles B. Cates, Daniel Taber, Jacob H. Vining and Timothy Hanson.

From DOVER—Benajah Buffum, Timothy Hanson, Albert C. Buffum, John Estes and Jesse Roberts.

From FAIRFIELD—Charles F. Coffin, Elijah Pope, Alden Sampson, Moses Bailey, Ezekiel Bailey, Henry Winslow and David Douglas,—

whose names being called, they were all present except two, for whose absence bodily indisposition was assigned as the cause.

Having, at this Meeting, the acceptable company of our beloved friend, Robert Lindsey, from England, satisfactory certificates were read from Brighthouse Monthly Meeting, held 6th of 3d month, 1857; the Quarterly Meeting for the county of York, held at Leeds, the 25th and 26th of 3d month, 1857, and the Yearly Meeting of Ministers and Elders, held in London, in the 5th month, 1857, expressive of unity with him as a Minister of Christ, and in his present religious engagement.

We have, also, the acceptable company of our beloved friend, Sarah Lindsey, who accompanies her husband, Robert Lindsey, in the present religious service in which he is engaged; and satisfactory certificates were presented and read from Brighthouse Monthly Meeting, held 19th of 6th month, 1857; York Quarterly Meeting, held 24th of 6th month, 1857, and the Morning Meeting of Ministers and Elders, held in London, 7th month, 13th, 1857, expressing unity with her as a Minister of the Gospel, and in the present service in which she is engaged.

Having, at this Meeting, the acceptable company of our beloved friends, Thomas Frazier, of Salem Monthly Meeting,

Iowa; Joel Bean, of Red Cedar Monthly Meeting, Iowa, and Mary T. Meader, of Bloomington Monthly Meeting, Iowa, satisfactory certificates from their respective Meetings, expressive of unity with them as Ministers, and with their present religious engagements, were presented and read.

We have, also, the acceptable company of our beloved friend, John H. Bond, from Poplar Run Monthly Meeting, Indiana, companion to our friend, Thomas Frazier, who presented a satisfactory certificate from said Meeting.

The London printed Epistle for the year 1858, has been read, and is very acceptable to this Meeting; and we appoint our friends, William A. Robinson and Samuel Boyce, to attend to the distribution of a reprint, of 3,500 copies, among our subordinate meetings; and we commend to our members, individually, the practical, seasonable counsel and salutary suggestions contained therein.

We have been again cheered and comforted at this time, by the receipt of salutations in the love of the Gospel, from our dear brethren of the Yearly Meetings of London, Ireland, New York, Baltimore, North Carolina, Ohio, Indiana and Western, and we appoint the following friends to prepare, as way opens for it, and present to a future sitting, essays of communications to these several Yearly Meetings, expressive of our continued love and Christian fellowship, viz: Stephen A. Chase, John D. Lang, John Meader, William C. Taber, Newell Hoxie, Gilbert Congdon, Thomas Folsom, Samuel Boyce, John Milton Earle, Caleb Jones, John Osborne, Moses H. Beede, Stephen Jones, Thomas S. Gifford, Samuel Boyd Tobey, David Buffum, Henry T. Wood, Moses Huntington, Jr., Thomas B. Nichols, Charles F. Coffin, David Dudley, Jacob H. Vining, Henry M. Minott, Thomas Grover, Charles R. Tucker, William A. Robinson, Daniel Taber, Alden Sampson, Stephen Dillingham and Samuel Austin.

The several Quarterly Meetings inform, that they have given the necessary attention to raising the stock called for by this Meeting last year; and we appoint our friends, Gideon C. Smith, Micajah C. Pratt, William Gifford, Henry M. Minott,

Caleb Nichols, Richard Battey, Amos D. Purinton and Alden Sampson, to examine and settle the Treasurer's account, to propose a suitable sum to be raised for the use of this meeting the present year, and the name of a Friend for Treasurer; to report at a future sitting.

By the Report from *Rhode Island* Quarterly Meeting, we are informed of the decease of Oliver Earle, an Elder, and member of Swanzev Monthly Meeting, on the 4th of 12th month, 1858, aged 78 years, 10 months and 10 days. *Sandwich* reports that it has united with Sandwich Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Betsey Akin and Abby W. Holway, to the station of Elders, and with Nantucket Monthly Meeting, in the appointment of Lydia B. Mitchell, to the same station—and that the following Friends have deceased since last account, viz.: Hannah T. Taber, a Minister, and member of New Bedford Monthly Meeting, 9th month, 6th, 1858, aged 57 years, 8 months and 12 days; Daniel Bowerman, an Elder, and member of Sandwich Monthly Meeting, 1st month, 13th, 1859, aged 84 years, 8 months and 24 days; and Elizabeth Slade, an Elder, and member of Dartmouth Monthly Meeting, 3d Month, 23d, 1859, aged 76 years, 4 months and 4 days. *Falmouth* Quarterly Meeting reports the decease of Nathan Pope, an Elder, and member of Windham Monthly Meeting, on the 20th of 1st month, 1859, aged 83 years, 9 months and 22 days. *Smithfield* informs that it has united with Bolton Monthly Meeting, in acknowledging the gift and approving the public appearances in the Ministry, of Lucy F. Collins and Lydia B. Dow. *Vassalboro'* that it has united with China Monthly Meeting, in acknowledging the gift and approving the public appearances in the ministry, of Alfred H. Jones; and with the same meeting, in the appointment of Mary R. Jones, to the station of an Elder; and with Unity Monthly Meeting, in the appointment of Daniel Cook, to the same station; and that John Worth, an Elder, and member of China Monthly Meeting, deceased 12th month, 8th, 1858, aged 80 years, 11 months and 20 days. *Dover* reports that it has united with Dover Monthly Meeting, in the appointment of Walter Saw-

yer, to the station of an Elder; and *Fairfield*, that it has united with St. Albans Monthly Meeting in appointing Joseph S. Hawks to the same station; and that Lydia Pope, an Elder, and member of Litchfield Monthly Meeting, died 5th month, 6th, 1858, aged 72 years.

Adjourned to 4 o'clock, this afternoon.

Afternoon—met by adjournment.

John Meader, on behalf of the Representatives, informed the meeting that they had conferred together, and were united in proposing Samuel Boyd Tobey, for Clerk, and Stephen A. Chase, for Assistant Clerk; which nominations being approved, they are appointed to those stations for the ensuing year.

The records of this meeting, for the last year, were now laid before us, and read.

This meeting being informed by the Representatives to the Yearly Meeting of Ministers and Elders, that a Minister belonging to this meeting, has a concern to pay a religious visit in a remote part of the country—the State of California—and that he is desirous of laying this concern before the Yearly Meeting of Ministers and Elders, in order that so important an engagement may receive the most careful and weighty deliberation of the Church, this meeting is united in requesting the Yearly Meeting of Ministers and Elders to receive any communication in relation to his concern, which the Friend may see fit to make; and to act officially thereon in the same manner provided for by Discipline “when the concern extends to Europe, or beyond sea.”

The portion of our Discipline, in relation to the official steps to be taken by the Church, in liberating Ministers for religious service, has claimed the consideration of this Meeting—and we are united in requesting the Meeting for Sufferings deliberately and solidly to consider the subject, and report their judgment thereon to this meeting, next year.

The Committee for the superintendence of the Boarding School, presented their annual report, as follows—which is

satisfactory to this Meeting; and the Friends now under appointment, are continued to constitute a Committee on the part of this meeting, for the ensuing year—to report to our next meeting.

“TO THE YEARLY MEETING.

The Committee for the superintendence of the Boarding School at Providence, have given their attention to the duties of their appointment.

For the summer term of the School, there were admitted one hundred and seven scholars, of whom fifty-nine were males, and forty-eight were females, and for the winter term, one hundred and fifty-one, of whom, eighty-three were males, and sixty-eight were females. All of these, except in a few cases of leaving on account of ill health and other causes, have been in attendance through the terms. So that with these few exceptions, instruction has been furnished in the School, equal to one term each, to two hundred and fifty-eight scholars.

This instruction we believe to have been efficient in the several branches taught, and imparted in a manner, acceptable to the scholars and satisfactory to the Committee.

The deportment of the pupils generally, we are thankful in being able to say, has been orderly, and their attention to, and improvement in their studies, commendable.

Meetings for worship have been held as heretofore, in the school house, on First Day mornings. They have been attended, with two exceptions, by members of the Committee, and often by other concerned Friends, and they have generally proved seasons of much interest and solemnity.

Instruction for the purpose of giving to the scholars a knowledge of the invaluable contents of the Holy Scriptures, have formed part of the regular exercises of the school, and a concern has been manifested, that the tender minds of the children, should be nurtured in that way which will best secure their future, in a course of virtue and uprightness, consistently with the profession of Friends. Harmony has been preserved in the family, and a kindly feeling and desire to promote the best interests of the school have prevailed.

We have had during the year, the valuable services of Joseph Cartland, and his wife Gertrude W. Cartland, who have acceptably filled the stations of Principals of the school, under the arrangement made with them, in the year eighteen hundred and fifty-six.

They were assisted by John F. Rowell, Rebecca D. Wing and Mary S. Harris, as teachers of the English branches; by Franklin E. Paige, as teacher of Mathematics; by D. Dana Patten, as teacher of Greek and Latin; by Alphonse Renaud, as teacher of French and German. Mary E. Potter has been teacher of Drawing, and Caroline H. Pinkham of Needlework, and Samuel T. Satterthwaite, as teacher of the English branches was employed in addition in the winter term.

At the close of the summer term, two female scholars, having completed the full course of study, as prescribed by the rules of the school, were presented with duly authenticated certificates or diplomas of scholarship, heretofore agreed to be given in such cases.

A valuable addition has been made to the conveniences and advantages of the School, in the erection, on the grounds on the western side of the school house, of a building for the purpose of exercise; and by the liberality of the officers and scholars in the west wing, this building has been furnished with a valuable apparatus for such exercise, calculated to develope and strengthen the bodily powers and to promote health; and this building and apparatus, have been gladly occupied by the male scholars to their evident advantage; similar provision having heretofore been made for the girls school, and which has been much improved during the last year.

A very desirable addition to the library at the school, has also been made, consisting of nearly five hundred volumes of works of standard value, and of more recent publication than was before there;—thus adding much to the interest of the collection, without cost to the Institution.

The financial results of the year, by an examination of the accounts, which were found to be well vouched and correct, may be stated as follows, viz:

CHARITABLE FUND.

Receipts from the income of the Fund	.	.	\$257 50
Due the treasurer at this time	.	.	97 50
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			\$355 00

CHARGES ON THE FUND.

Due the treasurer last year	.	.	.	\$75 00
Payment for board and tuition of seven scholars,				
one term each	.	.	.	280 00
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				\$355 00

The income of this fund the present year, is not expected to exceed that of the last, so that after the present indebtedness of the fund to the treasurer is deducted, there will remain \$160, and this is chargeable with the board and tuition of one scholar admitted for the present summer term, leaving \$120 for appropriation the ensuing year.

GENERAL FUND.

Receipts from income of the School Fund	\$5,892 84
Payments,—	
Fire insurance, premium	\$165 00
Interest	183 07
Repairs and additions on school premises, including some payments for former years and balance due principal	\$2,795 95
Which has been in part provided for by private subscription to the amount of	365 00
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	2,430 95
To Joseph Cartland, on contract	3,000 00
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Leaving a surplus of	113 82
Which applied to the indebtedness reported last year, at \$2,285 69, leaves the present indebtedness \$2,171 87.	

We propose that the terms of the school, commence and continue as last year, and that the charge remain the same, viz: \$40 per term for members of our Yearly Meeting, \$60 for members of other Yearly Meetings, and where one or both parents are members of our religious society, or the scholars are sent at the own proper charge and expense of such members, and \$100 for any others, payable in advance. That \$5 additional charge be made, as herteofore, for instruction, either in the Ancient Languages, in French or in Drawing. Books and stationery being furnished at actual cost.

The regulations, respecting the time of payment, manner and times of admission of scholars, &c., which have been transmitted to the subordinate meetings heretofore, we again append to this report; and we desire that the attention of our several Monthly Meetings may be particularly called to the conclusion of the Yearly Meeting in the year 1855, which was made after much deliberation, and is as follows, viz.:

"That Monthly Meetings take care, by committees, that suitable inquiries be made as to the fitness of scholars, proposing to enter the school, belonging to their respective Meetings; and to such as said committees shall approve, to give certificates; which certificates shall be required by the School Committee, in order for admission."

It is very desirable that this conclusion of the Yearly Meeting should be strictly complied with, as we believe the best interests of the school require such compliance.

In conclusion, we commend the Institution to the continued care and concern of the Yearly Meeting.

Signed on behalf and by direction of the School Committee.

STEPHEN A. CHASE, Clerk."

Providence, 5th month, 10th, 1859.

Regulations referred to in the above report of the School Committee.

"As the number to be admitted is limited to eighty of each sex, it will be necessary that the committee should be seasonably informed of all in this Yearly Meeting that desire to occupy places in the school, in order that they may determine how many others, if any, may be received.

Application should therefore be made for members of our Yearly Meeting, seasonably to be laid before the committee at their meetings to be held in the 3d and 9th months—as heretofore determined by the Yearly Meeting.

At these meetings, applications for the admission of members of our Yearly Meeting, will have precedence of all others.

After this time, applications for the admission of scholars, will be considered in the order in which they are made.

Monthly Meetings desirous of occupying the privilege of the Charitable fund, are requested to send their applications as heretofore, in season for the meeting of the committee in the 9th month, and to specify whether they desire it during the winter or succeeding summer term. And friends are requested to observe the various regulations adopted by the Yearly Meeting, in order for admission of scholars into the school.

It is desired that payment for each term be made in advance.

It is expected that scholars will be at the school punctually at the commencement of the term; but if circumstances occur

to prevent such attendance, notice is to be forwarded to the Principals, within one week of that time, stating whether or not their places are desired to be reserved for them. A failure to attend the school or to give the notice above specified, shall be considered a relinquishment of the privilege, unless again admitted by the committee; and in all cases of children being admitted for the term, and attending the school, it is expected that payment will be made for the term.

Friends of pupils, and others, visiting the school, will in future be expected to defray the expense arising to the Institution.

Application for admission into the school, and for the benefit of the Charitable Fund, is to be made to the Principals.

Address JOSEPH CARTLAND,
Principal Friends Boarding School, Providence, R. I."

[Committee.—Samuel Boyd Tobey, Gilbert Congdon, Wm. C. Taber, Alden Sampson, Samuel Boyce, Gideon C. Smith, George Howland, Jr., John Meader, Charles R. Tucker, David Buffum, Stephen A. Chase and William A. Robinson.

Elizabeth Meader, Lydia Congdon, Sarah F. Tobey, Ann Elmira Lang, Eliza B. Boyce, Mary A. Smith, Lydia H. Jones, Dorcas F. Tucker, Rachel S. Howland, Sarah T. Sampson, Ann B. Earle and Anna T. Dennis.]

We appoint our Friends Thomas S. Gifford, Nathan Breed, Joseph Wing, Caleb Jones, Samuel H. Colton, John Milton Earle, Charles B. Cates, Stephen Jones, Benajah Buffum and Moses Bailey, to prepare a summary of the Answers to the Queries, and present it to our next sitting.

Adjourned to 10 o'clock, to-morrow morning.

THIRD DAY MORNING, the 14th.

The meeting convened, pursuant to adjournment; the Representatives present, except two.

Under a precious covering of solemnity, the meeting entered upon a consideration of the state of Society, by reading the answers to the Queries, from the several Quarterly Meetings. In this engagement, a living concern was

evidenced, that we might not only feel that these searching queries are applicable to the collective body, but to each individual; and that every one of us might bring them home to himself, to know to what extent he is fulfilling their requirements.

The answer to the first query, relating to the all important practical duty of assembling together for the purpose of worshipping our Father who is in Heaven, manifests, as in former years, that there is with some of our members in all our different meetings, a want of faithfulness in this respect, and very feelingly have we been appealed to, to consider the nature of this service, under a remembrance of the relation in which we stand to God. Do we realize our *dependence* upon Him? Do we constantly bear upon our hearts the unquestioned truth, that every thing we enjoy in this present life comes from his holy hand? That we can command for ourselves no blessing—that we can control by our own power, none of his dispensations to the children of men. Have we faith in God? Without it, it is impossible to please him. We must believe not only that he *is*, but that he is a *rewarder* of all them that diligently seek him. Are we deterred from attending our religious meetings because we are not willing to leave our temporal engagements during the little portion of time that would be occupied in this service? Do we not believe that the omnipotent one, who so regards all his created beings, who so notices them, that he numbers the very hairs of their heads, will bless them even in temporal things, while they are manifesting their allegiance unto him by assembling with their brethren to worship him? If the injunction of the blessed Saviour is observed, to seek first the kingdom of heaven and the righteousness thereof, his promise will surely be fulfilled, that he who knoweth we have need of these things, will grant them unto us. We were instructively cited to the example of our predecessors in the truth, and the sacrifices they so cheerfully made in order to the performance, faithfully, of this religious duty, and the blessing of Heaven that rested upon them. The language of

encouragement was held forth to those who, under much discouragement, are engaged to be faithful in the discharge of this duty—when the number who meet together may be very small. Be not disheartened; be not turned aside. As thy day is, so shall thy strength be. How precious the declaration of Christ, “Where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them.”

A want of love and unity, was apparent in some of our meetings, which brought this meeting into deep exercise. We clearly see that this cannot exist, if our hearts are right towards God. God is love, and they that dwell in God, dwell in love. Vain is any pretence of love to God, whom we have not seen, if we love not our brother whom we have seen. Our adorable Saviour taught us to pray unto our Heavenly Father, to forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. Do we not feel, individually, our need of forgiveness? Do we not realize that we are all soon to stand before the judgment seat of Christ? Will a plea be availing before him, that our brother offended against us, in justification of our want of love for him? If thy brother offend against thee, go tell him his fault between him and thee alone. Have we observed the course enjoined by the Head of the Church? Are we sure there is no root of bitterness in our own hearts? Are our hands clean in the sight of God? Let each individual faithfully examine himself, and know how it stands between his own soul and him, unto whom he is to give account.

The standard of truth cannot be changed; it cannot be lowered by the will of man or by his views of expediency; and we were tenderly and earnestly exhorted to maintain the testimonies referred to in the third query—not as matters of formality, but as the fruits of the principles of truth—the result of obedience to manifested duty in the secret of the heart. Let nothing be esteemed little, which is required of us by the Lord. A strict attention to individual scruples is essential to individual peace. “Whosoever doth not bear his own cross, and come after me, cannot be my disciple.”

Parents have a deep responsibility. Are they faithful in the discharge of their duties to their precious children? Do they exercise, in a right spirit, proper parental authority? Are they engaged to preserve them from the evils that surround them—from the world that lies in wickedness? Are they prepared to answer the solemn query, Where are the lambs committed to thy charge?

Having proceeded to the third query, inclusive, the meeting adjourned to 4 o'clock in the afternoon, when it again assembled and proceeded to read the remaining queries and answers; during which engagement, a lively concern was expressed, that there might be no relaxation in the care of friends, individually, faithfully to maintain the important testimonies therein referred to.

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Adjourned to 10 o'clock, to-morrow morning.

FOURTH DAY MORNING, the 15th, Friends convened pursuant to adjournment. The representatives present, except four, two of whom have been excused from further attendance of this meeting, at their own request, and for sufficient reasons assigned.

It appearing by the answers to the second query, that there is in one or more of our subordinate Meetings, a want of that love and unity so essential to the Christian church; and this Meeting being introduced into deep exercise on the subject, and concerned for the removal of the causes of this deficiency, as thus brought before us; we appoint the following friends to propose to a future sitting, the names of suitable friends to constitute a committee to visit Meetings or individuals, as way may open for it, and to labor on behalf of this Meeting, in the meekness of wisdom, and in the ability that may be graciously afforded, to restore love and unity where they may be found to be wanting, viz: David Dudley, John Milton Earle, Stephen Jones, Stephen A Chase, William C. Taber, Samuel Boyd Tobey, John D. Lang, John Osborne, Samuel Boyce, Newell Hoxie and Alden Sampson.

In the Epistle from our dear brethren of the Yearly Meeting of Indiana, the following proposal is contained, viz: "The state of our beloved Society throughout this continent has, at this time, claimed our serious consideration. We have been brought to mourn over the hedges that have been broken down, and the difficulty that exists in portions of our beloved Society; and a proposition has been laid before this Meeting, for the appointment of a committee to unite with committees that may be appointed by other Yearly Meetings, to deliberate on, and settle in the authority of truth, all difficulties affecting the welfare of the church, that may be referred to them by any of the Yearly meetings, or which affect with suffering, the brotherhood of Yearly Meetings, which was united with by this Meeting, and a committee appointed accordingly."

This subject claimed the deliberate and weighty consideration of this meeting; and while we deeply sympathize with our dear brethren of Indiana Yearly Meeting, in the concern manifested by them; and while we are not insensible to the benefits that might result from the deliberations of a conference composed of committees from all the Yearly Meetings, on subjects relating to the welfare of our religious Society; it is our united judgment that way does not open, at the present time, for this Meeting to enter into such an appointment; and the clerk is directed to append a copy of this minute to the Epistle to Friends of Indiana.

The records of the Meeting for Sufferings for the past year, were laid before us and read; and the proceedings of that Meeting in relation to the several subjects that have claimed its attention, are approved by this Meeting; and the friends now under appointment are continued to constitute a Meeting for Sufferings for the ensuing year, to act on our behalf on such subjects as are contemplated in the organization of that Meeting—to present the records of their proceedings to this Meeting, next year.

Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting proposes that, Joseph Estes be appointed correspondent for Swanzey Monthly Meet-

ing, in place of Oliver Earle, deceased. Address, *Fall River, Mass.*

Falmouth proposes the appointment of Oliver Pope in place of Nathan Pope, deceased. Address, *Windham, Me.* And Fairfield proposes the appointment of William Farr in place of Elijah Pope, released at his own request, on account of bodily infirmities. Address, *West Gardiner, Me.* Which proposals are approved by this Meeting, and the friends are appointed accordingly.

Fairfield Quarterly Meeting proposes that the hour for holding it be changed from eleven to ten o'clock, A. M.; which is approved by this meeting.

Adjourned to 4 o'clock, this afternoon.

Afternoon, met by adjournment.

Our friends, Samuel Boyd Tobey, John D. Lang, Newell Hoxie, Stephen A. Chase and Samuel Boyce, are appointed to prepare suitable minutes for our friends from other Yearly Meetings, now in attendance of this Meeting, and present them to our next sitting.

The committee on education presented the following report, which is very acceptable and satisfactory to us; and the friends now under appointment, are continued another year, and encouraged to attend, as heretofore, to the concern of this Yearly Meeting, in relation to the very interesting subject of promoting an education, literary and religious, consistent with our well known principles; and they are particularly requested to endeavor to promote the further establishment of first day schools for the benefit of our own children and others not connected with our Society—especially those who may not be provided for by other schools of a similar character.

“ TO THE YEARLY MEETING.

The committee on education report that, from the answers received to circulars forwarded to the several Monthly Meetings, the following statistical information has been compiled, which is believed to be very nearly correct, as far as it extends:

Number of children in the Yearly Meeting between the		
	ages of 4 and 16 years	926
"	between 16 and 21 years	492
"	of Monthly Meeting Schools	2
"	of Preparative Meeting Schools	2
"	of Family Schools	4
"	of children attending schools taught by Friends, or wholly under their control,	150
"	" attending mixed or promiscuous schools,	1031
"	" taught by Friends in mixed schools,	235
"	of members of our Yearly Meeting who have taught school the past year	108
"	of our members, who, in obtaining an education at academies and colleges, are placed out from among Friends	10
"	of First Day Schools taught under the care of Friends	27

Average continuance of these schools, about 6 months.

Number of children attending the same	621
" of Friends' children attending the same	399

While, from the circumstances of the case in connection with the situation of our members in many of their scattered locations, it will continue to be difficult to provide for the education of our children in select schools, we are, we think, warranted in believing, that a deep interest is felt by many amongst us upon the important subject, and this interest for the guarded literary instruction of our youth is, we apprehend, slowly, but surely increasing. Our meetings, held upon this island, for a free interchange of sentiment upon the subject of our appointment, are largely attended, and are, we doubt not, productive of good.

Although the number of children reported as in the attendance of schools wholly under our control, is still small, it will be observed that the proportion is greater than last year.

Appended to the account from Vassalboro' Monthly Meeting, is a report of "Oak Grove Seminary," which continues, we are informed, in successful operation, under the charge of Albert K. Smiley, as principal, aided by a male and female assistant. The average attendance of pupils at this school has been 70, of whom about one-half were members of our Society. In this institution, instruction is given in the common English and most of the higher English branches, in mathematics, and the Latin and Greek languages; and examinations, which have been attended by a number of the committee on

education in the neighborhood, are reported as highly satisfactory.

An interesting feature in the returns now presented, is exhibited in the very considerable number of our members who are reported as having been engaged as teachers during the past year, while the number of our youth, who are under their tuition, forms no inconsiderable proportion of the whole. We would encourage these instructors to diligence and faithfulness in the arduous and responsible profession which they have chosen, not only in imparting a literary education to those under their control, but in a watchful care over their own spirits, and an earnest desire that they may be instrumental in training their tender charge to a life of morality and virtue.

Five additional First Day Schools are reported this year; and the returns inform that two more schools of this kind are about being established.

Although a number of Friends' children are reported as receiving the benefits of scriptural instruction at home, we have reason to believe, that in several neighborhoods, First Day Schools might be established and maintained with great benefit; as some of the Monthly Meetings still report no school of this character within their limits. We are feelingly desirous that Friends, throughout our borders, should be alive to the great importance of instructing their children in a knowledge of the Holy Scriptures, embracing the fundamental doctrines of the Christian religion.

For the committee,

HENRY T. WOOD, Clerk.

Newport, 6th month, 15, 1859."

[*Committee.*—George Bowen, Joseph Macumber, Jonathan Freeborn, Chas. W. Earle, Thomas S. Gifford, Abner Slade, Samuel Austin, Caleb M. Paine, Timothy C. Collins, Abel F. Collins, Charles F. Coffin, Jr., William Chace, Josiah D. Challis, Thomas Folsom, Thomas W. Thorndike, Joseph Hoag, Stephen Dillingham, Newell Hoxsie, Nathan T. Shepherd, Samuel Brown, Isaac R. Potter, George W. Francis, Adrian Davis, John Macumber, Henry T. Wood, William R. Taber, Matthew Barney, Christopher C. Hussey, Rufus Horton, John W. Jones, Stephen Swett, Joseph Cartland, Oliver Pope, Elisha Jones, John Cartland, Abraham Winslow, David Babcock, John E. Fry, Samuel H. Colton, Timothy K. Earle, Albert S. Payson, Wm. H. Aldrich, Eli Jones, Alfred H. Jones, Thomas B. Nichols, Joseph H. Cole, William Taber, Joseph H. Pratt,

Walter Sawyer, Jonathan Nutter, Albert C. Buffum, Timothy B. Hussey, Ezra Gould, Lewis Hoag, Wm A. Sampson, Levi Jones, Joseph Taylor, Isaac Winslow, Joseph Winslow, Benj. G. Shepherd.

Elizabeth T. Chase, Mary Rodman, Sarah Slade, Maria Buffington, Phebe Reynolds, Mary Ann Sisson, Electa Jane Collins, Dorcas G. Babcock, Dorcas B. Robinson, Susan Shove, Eunice B. Boyce, Anna A. Chase, Mary T. Gove, Cynthia W. Huntington, Sabina A. Page, Hannah Page, Phebe Kelley, Elizabeth Dillingham, Susan Shepherd, Maria Brown, Phebe R. Gifford, Maria B. Smith, Rebecca Church, Phebe Slade, Christina Macy, Sarah M. Easton, Anna G. Wood, Susan G. Kempton, Mary B. Osborne, Abigail Hodges, Mary R. Hadwin, Abigail Wheeler, Sarah C. Fry, Lucy Collins, Hannah Meader, Nabby Bean, Eunice J. Rich, Esther Jones, Maria Pope, Jane Pope, Nancy Frost, Anna Milliken, Lydia P. Fry, Rachel B. Nichols, Mary R. Jones, Mary C. Jones, Hannah Taber, Elizabeth T. Cook, Sarah B. Roberts, Mercy Osborne, Cynthia Buffum, Hannah Morrell, Sarah Hoag, Abigail C. Beede, Cynthia F. Jones, Elizabeth G. Sampson, Phebe Taylor, Sarah Winslow, Eunice Winslow and Zilpha J. Shepherd.]

The committee of this Meeting on our concern for the Penobscot and Passamaquadda Indians, made the following report, viz. :

“ TO NEW ENGLAND YEARLY MEETING.

The committee having charge of the concern of this Meeting for the improvement of the condition of the Penobscot and Passamaquadda Indians, report, that they have given some attention to the objects of their appointment during the past year, and from information obtained, have the satisfaction of informing that a gradual advance in domestic comforts, husbandry and school learning, is going forward among them. At the season of the year, when a visit from the committee appeared likely to be most useful to them, circumstances beyond our control prevented any of the committee from visiting them; so that we are unable, at this time, to give a very definite relation of their affairs. We would, however, recommend to the Yearly Meeting, to continue its care towards them, through a committee.

On behalf of the Committee.”

STEPHEN JONES,
JOHN MEADER.

[*Committee.*—John D. Lang, Stephen Jones, Joseph Taber, Caleb Jones, Moses Taber, John Meader, Nathan Douglas, Allen Wing, Caleb Nichols, Daniel Taber, Samuel Taylor and Eli Jones.]

This report, together with verbal communications from members of the committee, was very interesting to us; and we are encouraged to believe that the care extended by this Meeting towards this interesting class of our fellow men, now continued for many years, has been productive of good. This Meeting still feels a lively concern for them; and the Friends now under appointment, (with the exception of our friend, Asa Jones, deceased), are continued as a Committee of this Meeting, to give such attention to this interesting engagement as way may open for, and report to this Meeting next year.

The committee on the concern of this Meeting, for the Indians located west of the Mississippi, made the following report, viz.:

“TO THE YEARLY MEETING NOW SITTING.

The Committee on the concern of the Yearly Meeting, on behalf of the Indians west of the Mississippi, have cherished the hope that way might open for Friends here to lend a helping hand in doing them good, particularly through the agency of Friends of the Yearly Meetings near these interesting people, in promoting among them, education, and the blessings of civilized life, and in encouraging the government so to respect their rights, as best to promote these objects. Perhaps the time may come, when we may be more in the way of being useful to these people. While we desire that their welfare may be cherished by Friends here, we submit whether it may not be best to leave it there, and release the Committee. For the Committee,

STEPHEN A. CHASE,
JOHN D. LANG.”

Newport, 6mo., 15, 1859.

—which is accepted, and the Committee released from fur-

ther service, at the present time, still desiring that Friends may continue to cultivate an interest in these, the remnants of the aborigines of our country; and that no opportunity may be omitted to do them good, when way may open for it.

The Committee to settle the treasurer's account, and for other purposes, made the following report, viz.:

“ TO THE YEARLY MEETING.

The Committee to settle the Treasurer's account, and for other purposes, have attended to their appointment; have examined and settled the account, and find a balance due the Treasurer of eleven hundred and twenty-one dollars and twenty-four cents, (\$1,121 24) we propose the sum of twelve hundred dollars, (\$1,200) to be raised, and David Buffum, for Treasurer.

For the Committee,
GIDEON C. SMITH.”

Newport, 6mo., 14th, 1859.

—which is accepted, and our several Quarterly Meetings are requested to raise their respective quotas of twelve hundred dollars, and forward the same to our Friend, David Buffum, whom we appoint our treasurer for the ensuing year.

Testimonies of South Kingston Monthly Meeting, united with by Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting, concerning our late beloved Friends, Mary A. Robinson and Mary A. Collins, were received and read, and being approved, it was directed that they be recorded. These testimonies in relation to our beloved, ancient friends, have brought them sweetly to our remembrance, as mothers in Israel, and Elders, worthy of double honor.

Adjourned to 4 o'clock, to-morrow afternoon.

FIFTH DAY AFTERNOON, 6th mo., 16th, the meeting again convened according to adjournment. The Representatives present as yesterday.

The committee appointed to propose the names of Friends, to constitute a Committee on the part of this Meeting, to labor in gospel love, for the promotion of love and unity within

our limits, present the following, which are approved; and they are accordingly appointed to that service, and requested to report to this Meeting next year, viz.:

David Dudley, Samuel Boyd Tobey, Stephen A. Chase, David Buffum, Stephen Jones and John Meader.

The Committee to attend to the distribution of a re-print of 3,500 copies of the London General Epistle, report, that the service has been attended to; and that the Epistles are placed in the hands of the Representatives to this Meeting.

A Testimony of New Bedford Monthly Meeting, united with by Sandwich Quarterly Meeting, concerning our late beloved friend, Hannah T. Taber; and one from China Monthly Meeting, united with by Vassalboro Quarterly Meeting, concerning our late beloved friend, Rachel W. Jones, were read and approved, and directed to be recorded. These testimonies have brought the dear friends to whom they relate, very precious before us; and while we feel that the Church militant has been deprived of the services of faithful servants in the cause of Christ, we doubt not they have been transplanted to the Church triumphant, to receive the welcome that awaits the righteous.

The Clerk is directed to sign, on our behalf, the following certificates for our friends, Robert Lindsey and Sarah Lindsey.

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The Clerk is directed to sign, on our behalf, the following minute, for our friend Thomas Frazier, and similar ones for our friends Joel Bean and Mary T. Meader, viz.:

“Our beloved friend, Thomas Frazier, attended this Meeting. His company and religious services have been acceptable to us.”

The Clerk is also directed to sign, on our behalf, the following minute, for our friend, John H. Bond:

“Our beloved friend, John H. Bond, attended this Meet-

ing. His company and solid deportment have been acceptable and satisfactory to us."

We have received from our brethren of New York Yearly Meeting, the following information respecting correspondents:

" STANFORD QUARTERLY MEETING.

Stanford Monthly Meeting: Abiah Palmer, in place of Abner Deuel, deceased. Address, *Standfordville P. O. Dutchess Co., N. Y.*

FERRISBURGH QUARTERLY MEETING.

Ferrisburgh Monthly Meeting: Rufus Hazard, in place of John Knowles, released at his request. Address, *North Ferrisburgh, Addison Co., Vt.*

FARMINGTON QUARTERLY MEETING.

Rochester Monthly Meeting: Silas Cornell, in place of Jos. Bowerman, deceased. Address, *Rochester, Monroe Co., N. Y.*

ADRIAN QUARTERLY MEETING.

Adrian Monthly Meeting: Samuel Satterthwaite, in place of Nathan Chase, deceased. Address, *Tecumseh, Lenawee Co., Mich.*

WESTLAKE QUARTERLY MEETING.

Kingston Monthly Meeting: Jonathan P. Ward, in place of Jonathan Ferris, deceased. Address, *Kingston, C. W.*"

The Committee on Correspondence, presented essays of Epistles to our brethren of the Yearly Meetings of London, Ireland, New York, Baltimore, North Carolina, Ohio, Indiana and Western, which are approved; and the Clerk is directed to sign them on our behalf, and forward them to those Meetings respectively.

The Clerk is requested to cause to be printed three thousand copies of extracts from the minutes of this Meeting, and forward them to our subordinate Meetings.

And now, being about to separate, to return to our respective homes, we feel bound to record our acknowledgment of the mercies that have been vouchsafed to us; and desiring that a grateful sense thereof may abide upon our hearts, this Meeting concludes—proposing to meet again at this place, at the usual time next year, if the Lord permit.

SAMUEL BOYD TOBEY, *Clerk.*

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MINUTES.

At the Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England, held on Rhode Island, commencing with public meetings for worship at Newport and Portsmouth, on first day the 10th; and for discipline at Newport on second day morning the 11th of sixth month, 1860.

By the Reports received from the Quarterly Meetings, it appears that the following Friends have been appointed Representatives to this meeting, viz:

From RHODE ISLAND—David Buffum, Moses H. Beede, Samuel Boyd Tobey, Thomas S. Gifford, Joseph Metcalf, Perez Peck, Timothy C. Collins, George Anthony, Gilbert Congdon and Abner Slade.

From SALEM—Edward Gove, Micajah C. Pratt, Enoch Page Daniel Beede, John Page and Nathan Breed.

From SANDWICH—Charles R. Tucker, David K. Akin, George Almy, Thomas Macy, James West, Newell Hoxie, John W. Gifford and Matthew Howland.

From FALMOUTH—Nathan Douglas, Joshua Douglas, Henry M. Minott and Abraham Winslow.

From SMITHFIELD—John Milton Earle, Thomas Grover, Paul Wing, John Osborne and Isaac Steere.

From VASSALBORO'—John D. Lang, Caleb Nichols, Eli Jones, Stephen Jones, James Van Blarcum, William Taber, Jacob H. Vining and Aaron Buffum.

From DOVER—Jesse Roberts, John Estes, Stephen Jenkins,
of Elliot, Benajah Buffum and Isaiah Frye.

From FAIRFIELD—Charles F. Coffin, Elijah Pope, Alden
Sampson, Samuel Taylor, Daniel Page, Jacob
B. Robbins and Levi Jones,—

whose names being called, they were all present.

Having at this meeting the acceptable company of our beloved friends, Thomas Frazier, of Salem Monthly Meeting, Iowa; Lindley M. Hoag, of Rocksylvania Monthly Meeting, Iowa; Jeremiah A. Grinnell, of Greenfield Monthly Meeting, Indiana; Samuel Lloyd, of Short Creek Monthly Meeting, Ohio; Joseph Haviland, of Nine Partners Monthly Meeting, New York; Huldah Atwater, of Hartland Monthly Meeting, New York; Naomi Coffin, of White Water Monthly Meeting, Indiana; Edith Griffith, of Redstone Monthly Meeting, Pennsylvania; Mary B. Pinkham, of Salem Monthly Meeting, Ohio; Julia Ann McCool of Westland Monthly Meeting, Iowa; and Hannah S. Fry, of Marlborough Monthly Meeting, New York; certificates from their several meetings expressing unity with them as Ministers, and with their present religious engagements, were presented and read.

We have also the acceptable company of our beloved friends, Elijah Coffin; Asa Williams, companion to our friend Samuel Lloyd; Lydia A. Macomber, companion to our friend Huldah Atwater; Thomas W. McCool, accompanying his wife, our friend Julia Ann McCool; Eli Hains and Lydia H. Stanley, accompanying our friend Edith Griffith, and John C. Hill, of Short Creek Monthly Meeting, Ohio; who presented satisfactory testimonials from their respective Meetings, expressive of unity with them as Elders and with their present engagements.

We have likewise the acceptable company of our beloved friends, William E. Morris, companion to our friend Jeremiah A. Grinnell; Lindley M. and Mary M. Ferris, accompanying our friend Hannah S. Fry; and Thomas E. Pinkham, accompanying his mother, our friend Mary B. Pinkham; and satis-

factory minutes, from their Monthly Meetings, were received, expressive of unity with them as members of our religious Society, and with their present engagements.

The General Epistle from the Yearly Meeting of Friends, held in London in 1859, was read at this time, in this Meeting, and is truly acceptable—and believing that the solid advice and suggestions contained therein are worthy of our individual attention, we appoint our friends Samuel Boyce and Matthew Howland to attend to the reprint of 3,500 copies and place them in the hands of the Representatives to this Meeting, who are requested to convey them to our Quarterly Meetings, to be read therein, and also in the several Monthly Meetings, and then distributed to the families of friends, to whose careful consideration we affectionately commend its instructive contents.

Epistles addressed to this meeting by our brethren of the Yearly Meetings of London, Ireland, Baltimore, North Carolina, Indiana, and Western, have been received at this time, and read with much interest.

These salutations of love are sweet and strengthening to us; and we appoint the following friends to prepare, as way opens for it, essays of communications to these several meetings, and present them to a future sitting. They are desired also to prepare communications to our brethren of the Yearly Meetings of New York and Ohio, from whom epistles have not yet reached our hands, viz:— John D. Lang, Samuel Taylor, Samuel Boyce, Samuel Boyd Tobey, William C. Taber, Gilbert Congdon, Alfred H. Jones, Charles F. Coffin, Christopher C. Hussey, Henry T. Wood, Stephen Jones, Edmund Cates, Eli Jones, Newell Hoxie, John Page, Thomas S. Gifford, David K. Akin, Moses H. Beede, John Milton Earle, Henry M. Minott, David Buffum, James Van Blarcum, Isaac R. Gifford, William A. Robinson, John Osborne, Nathan Douglass and Charles R. Tucker.

By the accounts received from the Quarterly Meetings, it appears that they have all given the necessary attention to

raising the stock called for by this meeting last year; and we appoint our friends Thomas Harkness, Micajah C. Pratt, Abraham Barker, Henry M. Minott, Richard Battey, William Taber, Cyrus Bangs and Alden Sampson to examine and settle the treasurer's account, propose a suitable sum for the use of this meeting for the current year, and the name of a friend for treasurer.

By the reports from the Quarterly meetings, we are informed that *Rhode Island* has united with Rhode Island Monthly Meeting, in the appointment of George Anthony and Ruth Anthony to the station of Elders; and with Providence Monthly Meeting, in the appointment of Joseph Cartland; and with South Kingstown Monthly Meeting, in the appointment of Mary D. Collins to the same station;—and that the following friends have deceased during the past year, viz.:—Daniel Anthony, an Elder, and member of Greenwich Monthly Meeting, 5th month 14th, 1859, aged 88 years, 5 months and 4 days. Edmund Chace, an Elder, and member of Swansey Monthly Meeting, 7th month 4th, 1859, aged 72 years, 2 months and 23 days. Rowland Greene, a Minister and member of Greenwich Monthly Meeting, 8th month 19th, 1859, aged 88 years, 8 months and 25 days, and Anne Anthony, an Elder and member of the same meeting, 4th month 16th, 1860, aged 88 years, 6 months and 4 days.

Salem gives us the information, that Abigail Nichols, an Elder and member of Salem Monthly Meeting departed this life, 1st month 29th, 1860, aged 76 years.

Sandwich reports, that it has united with Nantucket Monthly Meeting, in approving the public ministry of Christopher C. Hussey, and with New Bedford Monthly Meeting, in the appointment of Joseph Kempton, Charles R. Tucker, Jabez Wood, Eliza C. Davis and Anna G. Wood, to the station of Elders, and with Sandwich Monthly Meeting, in the appointment of Jonathan Boyce and Rebecca A. Gifford to the same station;—and that the following friends have deceased since last year:—Abby W. Holway, an Elder and member of Sand-

wich Monthly Meeting, 10th month 11th, 1859, aged 83 years, 4 months and 26 days. Grace Davis, an Elder and member of New Bedford Monthly Meeting, 10th month 28th, 1859, aged 76 years, and Joseph Davis, a minister and member of New Bedford Monthly Meeting, 3d month 14th, 1860, aged 73 years.

Smithfield reports, that it has united with Smithfield Monthly Meeting, in approving the public appearance in the ministry of Albert S. Payson.

Vassalboro' Quarterly Meeting informs that Daniel Taber, an Elder and member of Vassalboro' Monthly Meeting, deceased 3d month 27th, 1860, aged 63 years, 2 months and 7 days.

Dover reports, that it has united with Dover Monthly Meeting, in the appointment of Jacob K. Purinton to the station of Elder; and with Sandwich Monthly Meeting, in the appointment of Naomi P. Hoag to the same station;—and that Timothy Hanson, an Elder and member of Dover Monthly Meeting, deceased 8th month 28th, 1859, aged nearly 72 years.

Adjourned to 4 o'clock, this afternoon.

AFTERNOON—met by adjournment.

John Osborne, on behalf of the representatives, informed the meeting that they had conferred together, and were united in proposing Samuel Boyd Tobey for clerk, and Charles R. Tucker for assistant clerk, which nominations being approved, they are appointed to those stations for the ensuing year.

The records of this meeting, for the last year, were read at this time.

The committee in charge of our Boarding School, at Providence, presented their annual report, which is satisfactory to us;—and much sympathy was felt and expressed for those who have acted in our behalf, in consequence of some cases of severe, and two of fatal, sickness in the institution, since the commencement of the present term, but which we thank-

fully trust may not extend further; and we appoint our friends, William C. Taber, Joseph Metcalf, John D. Lang, Benajah Buffum, Samuel Taylor, William A. Robinson, Allen Wing, Isaiah Pope and John Osborne, to propose, to a future sitting, the names of friends to constitute a school committee for the ensuing year.

The report of the committee is as follows, viz.:—

“ TO THE YEARLY MEETING.

The Committee for the superintendence of the Boarding School at Providence, report:

That for the Summer term of the school, there were admitted one hundred and thirty-seven scholars; seventy-one males and sixty-six females; and for the Winter term, one hundred and seventy-seven scholars; ninety-seven males and eighty females; and with few exceptions, arising from ill health or other causes, they attended through these terms respectively.

Our friends Joseph and Gertrude W. Cartland, have acceptably served the Institution as principals, on the same terms as heretofore. They have been assisted by the following teachers, viz: In the Summer term, John F. Rowell, Samuel T. Satterthwaite, Mary S. Harris and Elma M. Dame, in the English Branches; Franklin E. Page in Mathematics, Robert Henry Duncan in Greek and Latin; Alphonse Renaut in French and German, and Mary A. Potter in Drawing. In the Winter term, in the English Branches, the same teachers were employed, with the exception of Samuel T. Satterthwaite, and the addition of Mary Anna Stanton and Ellen L. Whittier. In Mathematics, Henry L. Pinkham was employed; in Natural Science, Samuel Austin, and in Penmanship, Harvey Maxfield. In the other branches, the teachers were the same as in the Summer term.

We have had, the past year, to record the removal, by death, of one of these teachers, and at our meeting in the First Month, we thought it right to place on our records the following minute in relation thereto, viz:

‘In recording the removal by death of our beloved young friend Mary S. Harris, we believe it right to express our sense of the excellence of her character, and of the loss we have sustained in this dispensation of our Heavenly Father,

who determineth all things in His wisdom, and whose ways are past finding out.

“Educated in this Institution, going through with the full course of study recently established here, with much credit, and receiving the first diploma issued by us, she was introduced as a teacher into the school, and had discharged the duties of the appointment for about two years, with great acceptance to us, to her associate teachers, and to the pupils of the Institution.

“Soon after the opening of the present term, our dear friend was somewhat indisposed, and it was thought best she should be temporarily released from her school duties; and she went to the house of a relative in Waterford, expecting to return here in a few days. But He who knoweth what is best for us all, who seeth the end from the beginning and doeth all things well, had otherwise appointed. She gradually sunk under a typhoid fever, and was released from the pains and trials of mortality, the 4th of First Month, 1860; aged about 23 years.

“While we deeply feel our privation by her removal from us; while we tenderly sympathize with her afflicted relatives in their bereavment; we are comforted with the assured belief that she loved the Saviour, and that through His abounding mercy, she is received by Him into a place prepared for her in the mansions of His Father’s house.”

We believe the Institution, in its several departments, has been satisfactorily conducted, and continues to afford a means for a useful and guarded education to those entrusted to its care. The deportment of the scholars has been generally commendable, and their improvement in their studies satisfactory.

Meetings for worship have been held, as heretofore, in the school house, on First Day mornings; and these meetings are believed to have been held in a manner according with their solemn purpose. They have been attended, with few exceptions, by members of the Committee and other Friends.

Scriptural instruction has formed a part of the regular exercises of the school, with the purpose of giving the pupils a knowledge of the contents of these invaluable writings, and impressing their solemn truths upon their minds.

At the close of the Summer term, seven scholars having completed the full course of study, as prescribed by the rules of the school, were presented with duly authenticated certificates or diplomas of scholarship, heretofore agreed to be given in such cases.

The accounts of the institution having been audited, exhibit the following result for the last year:—

CHARITABLE FUND.

Receipts from the income of the Fund,	-	\$165 00
Due the Treasurer, at this time,	- - -	92 50
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		\$257 50

Charges on the Fund,

Due the Treasurer, last year,	- - -	\$97 50
Payment for the board and tuition of four children, one term each,	- - - -	160 00
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		\$257 50

GENERAL FUND.

Receipts from the Income of the School Fund,	\$3,844 84
From a subscription,	50 00
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	\$3,894 84

Payments,

Fire insurance premium,	- - - -	\$165 00
Interest,	- - - -	170 15
Repairs and additions on School premises,		1,541 63
To Joseph Cartland on contract	- -	3,000,000
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		\$4,876 78

Leaving a deficiency of	- - - -	981 94
Which added to the indebtedness reported last year, of \$2,171 87, makes the present indebtedness,	- - - -	\$3,153 81

The deficiency above reported, arises principally from a falling short of the income of the School Fund, which was the last year from \$2,000 to \$3,000 less than in former years. It is not expected that this will again occur, and under the present arrangement, it is hoped that the debt may, in a few years, be extinguished.

We propose that the terms of the School commence and continue as last year, and that the charges remain the same, viz: \$40 per term for members of our Yearly Meeting; \$60 for members of other Yearly Meetings, and where one or both parents are members of our religious Society, or the scholars are sent at the own proper charge and expense of such members; and \$100 for any others, payable in advance.

That \$5 additional charge be made, as heretofore, for instruction, either in the Ancient Languages, in French or in Drawing. Books and stationery being furnished at actual cost.

Which we submit to the consideration of the Yearly Meeting, with the belief that the Institution is usefully fulfilling the design of its founders.

Signed on behalf and by direction of the School Committee,
STEPHEN A. CHACE, *Clerk.*"

Providence, fifth Month, 8th, 1860.

REGULATIONS OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

"As the number to be admitted is limited to eighty of each sex, it will be necessary that the committee should be seasonably informed of all in this Yearly Meeting that desire to occupy places in the school, in order that they may determine how many others, if any, may be received.

Application should therefore be made for members of our Yearly Meeting, seasonably to be laid before the committee at their meetings to be held in the 3d and 9th months—as heretofore determined by the Yearly Meeting.

At these meetings, applications for the admission of members of our Yearly Meeting, will have precedence of all others.

After this time, applications for the admission of scholars, will be considered in the order in which they are made.

Monthly Meetings desirous of occupying the privilege of the Charitable fund, are requested to send their applications as heretofore, in season for the meeting of the committee in the 9th month, and to specify whether they desire it during the winter or succeeding summer term. And friends are requested to observe the various regulations adopted by the Yearly Meeting, in order for admission of scholars into the school.

It is desired that payment for each term be made in advance.

It is expected that scholars will be at the school punctually at the commencement of the term; but if circumstances occur to prevent such attendance, notice is to be forwarded to the Principals, within one week of that time, stating whether or not their places are desired to be reserved for them. A failure to attend the school or to give the notice above specified, shall be considered a relinquishment of the privilege, unless again admitted by the committee; and in all cases of children

being admitted for the term, and attending the school, it is expected that payment will be made for the term.

Friends of pupils, and others, visiting the school, will in future be expected to defray the expense arising to the Institution.

Application for admission into the school, and for the benefit of the Charitable Fund, is to be made to the Principals.

Address JOSEPH CARTLAND,
Principal Friends Boarding School, Providence, R. I.

[Committee.—Samuel Boyd Tobey, Gilbert Congdon, Wm. C. Taber, Samuel Taylor, Samuel Boyce, Gideon C. Smith, George Howland, Jr., Samuel Austin, Charles R. Tucker, David Buffum, Stephen A. Chace, William A. Robinson and John D. Lang.

Susan Howland, Lydia Congdon, Sarah F. Tobey, Ann Elmira Lang, Eliza B. Boyce, Mary A. Smith, Lydia H. Jones, Dorcas F. Tucker, Rachel S. Howland, Sarah T. Sampson, Ann B. Earle and Anna T. Dennis.]

We appoint our friends, Joseph C. Peckham, Nathan Breed, Newell Hoxie, Henry M. Minott, John Milton Earle, Joseph Estes, Benajah Buffum and Joseph Taylor, to prepare a summary of the answers to the queries, and present it at our next sitting.

Adjourned to 10 o'clock to-morrow morning.

THIRD DAY MORNING, the 12th, the meeting convened pursuant to adjournment. Representatives all present.

An acceptable epistle from our dear brethren of New York Yearly Meeting, was received and read at this time, and is referred to the committee on correspondence.

The meeting now entered into a consideration of the state of our religious society, by reading the answers to the queries. The engagement was felt to be one of deep interest, and was entered upon, we trust, with a covering of heavenly solemnity spread over us.

The answer to the first query,—the all-important enquiry as to our faithfulness in meeting together for the worship of our Father in Heaven,—revealed, as in former years, an evidence of care on the part of some, and of carelessness on that of others, in relation to this high duty. A word of encouragement was feelingly offered to those who are engaged, not to forsake the assembling of themselves together for this purpose. They were called to remember the reward which they have received, from time to time, in witnessing the fulfilment of His promise, that He is in the midst of those who meet together in His name. Many may feel their entire weakness, and be ready to exclaim,—“ Oh ! my leanness, my leanness ! ” yet they were tenderly reminded that the Lord alone is their strength ; that unto Him we are to look, and that He ever remembers those, who, in childlike dependence, turn unto Him. Deeply were we exercised for those who willingly fail in the duty of meeting with their brethren, to wait upon the Lord ; and fearful is the reflection, that those who neglect this duty can hardly look or put up their prayers, with confidence, unto Him for his blessing upon them. We were earnestly exhorted to remember how small is the sacrifice required of any of us ; how little we can do in the service of the Lord ; how continued and abundant are the blessings He pours out upon us ; and the query may well arise in every heart,—Dare I to neglect this simple duty of devoting a very small portion of the time which God gives me, in meeting with my brethren for his worship, and in thus acknowledging my allegiance unto Him who is King of kings ? — The unspeakable privilege of being permitted to approach directly to the Minister of ministers,—the ever adorable Teacher and Preserver of man, without the intervention of any human instrumentality, was feelingly dwelt upon, and all were encouraged to go directly unto Him for instruction, for comfort and for strength. Friends were exhorted to be faithful one unto another,—to encourage each other,—to take a brother by the hand, saying,—Come, brother, let us go together into the house of the

Lord; let us seek to worship the God of our fathers;—and we are assured in the belief that these faithful labors of love will not be in vain.

The answer to the second query reveals a want of love and unity to an extent, in one or more of the Quarterly Meetings, which has brought this meeting into deep exercise. “They that walk in the light as He is in the light, have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ, his Son, cleanseth from all sin;”—and when love is wanting, it is certain we are not dwelling in God. We believe that, if love filled our hearts, we should not estrange a brother from us, when engaged to labor to restore him from the error of his ways. “Brethren, if a man be overtaken in a fault, ye, which are spiritual, restore such an one in the spirit of meekness; considering thyself, lest thou also be tempted.” Friends were earnestly exhorted to enter into close self-examination; and honestly enquire whether there is any root of bitterness in their own hearts, and if it be found there, to seek for help from on high for its removal. “Search me, O God, and know my heart; try me and know my thoughts, and see if there be any wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting.”

Having read the answers to the first and second queries, the meeting adjourned to 4 o'clock in the afternoon; and at the appointed time, again convened, and proceeded to read the remaining queries and answers.

The great importance of knowing the Holy Scriptures was feelingly adverted to, and friends were affectionately encouraged, in accordance with our ancient concern, to spend a little time every day, with their families collected, in reading a portion of the inspired volume, with hearts turned unto God, that he would please to grant the enlightening influence of his spirit, that we may find their precious contents profitable unto us, even making us wise unto salvation, through faith in Jesus Christ. Our testimonies in regard to the several important matters referred to in the remaining queries, appear to be pretty well maintained.

The following is a summary of the answers received:—

SUMMARY.

1. A few instances of omission in the attendance of small meetings, owing to stress of weather, sickness, and other causes, considered excusable, are reported in all the answers, except from one quarterly meeting, in which all the meetings have been attended. It appears that our First day meetings have been attended, generally, by the most of our members, except in one of the quarters, the report from which states that the afternoon meetings on that day are more neglected. Complaint is made, in all the answers except two, that our midweek meetings, both for worship and discipline, continue to be neglected by many of our members. The hour appears to have been nearly observed by most friends. A few cases of sleeping in meeting are reported in all the answers, but no other unbecoming behavior, except a few instances which have occurred in one quarterly meeting. All the answers, except three, report some care taken in relation to these several deficiencies.

2. Love and unity appear to be generally maintained among our members, with the exception of a few cases, reported in three quarterly meetings, in one of which it is stated, that these Christian virtues are much wanting in some of their members. Detraction is mostly guarded against; and care has been taken to end differences where they have appeared.

3. A good degree of care appears to rest on the minds of Friends, to bring up those under their direction in plainness, as queried for, and to restrain them from pernicious reading and corrupt conversation. They are mostly good examples therein themselves. The Holy Scriptures appear to be frequently read in Friends' families, a slight exception, however, being made in the answer relative to one meeting.

4. The use of spirituous liquors is reported, in five of the answers, to be confined to medicinal purposes; in another a single exception is made; and two of the reports state that Friends are *generally* careful in this respect. The unnecessary frequenting of taverns and places of public resort appears to have been avoided, except in a few instances, reported in two of the accounts. Moderation and temperance appear to be generally observed, on account of births, marriages and burials, and on other occasions.

5. The circumstances of the poor are attended to, and their necessities relieved; their children freely partake of learning, to fit them for business; and no children appear to have been placed out from among Friends.

6. Parents and heads of families, with the young and unmarried, appear to be generally careful that proceedings with respect to marriage, be conformable to our discipline. The specific exceptions made thereto, are two cases in one monthly meeting, of a character not defined; in another answer, four cases of keeping company out of Society, on account of marriage, and one case of marriage out of the Society, which is under notice; and, in still another, one case of keeping company on account of marriage, and five instances of marrying contrary to the order of Friends; three of which are under notice.

7. Our testimonies are reported, in all the answers save two, to have been maintained in relation to the several particulars named in the seventh query. In one of those two, it is stated that one member has contributed towards the payment of a minister's salary; and, in the other, that there are one or two instances of contributing to the support of other religious denominations, in which care has been taken; and one instance of a few young Friends attending a military parade.

8. Friends appear to be generally careful to inspect their affairs, and settle their accounts; to be punctual to their promises and just in the payment of their debts, and to live within the bounds of their circumstances; yet one or two exceptions are reported in one account, in relation to punctuality, in which care has been taken; and one other account expresses the opinion that more care in these respects should be practiced by some of their members.

9. Due care appears to be taken, in respect to records, with the exception of one quarterly meeting, in which it is stated that there is some deficiency. Nearly all the accounts report some removals without certificates, generally without specifying the number of cases.

10. A good degree of care appears to have been taken to deal with offenders, and to place judgment where it appears necessary, according to discipline; yet one meeting acknowledges a sense of weakness, and some delay in dealing with offenders.

The committee appointed yesterday, propose the following friends to constitute a school committee, who are approved by this meeting, and they are appointed to unite with a similar committee of the women's meeting, in the care and superintendence of our Boarding School, and requested to report to this meeting next year, viz.:—

Samuel Boyd Tobey, Gilbert Congdon, William C. Taber, Samuel Taylor, Jr., Samuel Boyce, Gideon C. Smith, George Howland, Jr., Samuel Austin, David Buffum, William A. Robinson, Stephen A. Chase, Charles R. Tucker and John D. Lang.

A Testimony of Greenwich Monthly Meeting, endorsed by Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting, concerning our late dear friend Rowland Greene, was received and read; and being approved, it is directed that it be recorded. The reading of this Testimony has brought our honored and beloved friend very feelingly to our remembrance. We have long felt him to be a father in the Church. We miss him at this meeting, from his accustomed seat, and we earnestly crave that his enlightened precepts and the example of his long christian life may not have been in vain to us.

Under feelings of solemnity, and in tender love, we now adjourn to 10 o'clock, to-morrow morning.

FOURTH DAY MORNING, the 13th, friends assembled according to adjournment. The Representatives all present.

The meeting for Sufferings is requested to cause to be printed for distribution, an edition of the Testimonies of deceased friends, which have been received by this meeting, since the last publication.

The Records of the Meeting for Sufferings, for the last year, were laid before us and read, and the proceedings of that Meeting are approved.

The Minute prepared by that Meeting in relation to the official steps to be taken in liberating Ministers for religious service, claimed our solid consideration, and was united with,

and the Clerk is directed to furnish copies of it to our several subordinate Meetings. It is as follows :

“ When a Minister has a prospect of religious service, which according to our Discipline requires the unity of the Monthly Meeting, previous to its being brought to the consideration of said Meeting let it be laid before the preparative meeting of Ministers and Elders, held at its stated time, or specially convened for the purpose, and if the friend is encouraged or left at liberty to do so, he should spread his concern before the Monthly Meeting, and let that Meeting take full time, under a very weighty sense of its responsibility, for solid and careful deliberation, before granting a certificate.

In cases requiring the judgment of the Quarterly Meeting, and said meeting unites with the concern, let it endorse its certificate as now required by Discipline ; and if the concern is for a general or extensive visit, and the Quarterly Meeting shall advise that it go before the Yearly Meeting of Ministers and Elders, let it be carried there for its unity and concurrence, before the friend enters upon such religious service.

And in all cases where the concern extends to territory beyond the Rocky Mountains, let it go before the Yearly Meeting of Ministers and Elders in the same manner as is required when the prospect “ extends to Europe or beyond sea.”

The vital importance of the maintenance of a sound Ministry, and of its being at all times exercised under the fresh anointing and renewed qualification which the Holy Spirit alone can give, has claimed our weighty and solemn consideration, and we believe it right to recommend to Monthly and Quarterly Meetings an increase of care and solid deliberation before recording their unity with the gift, and approving the public appearances in the Ministry, of any of our members, and that the recommendation of the Discipline be carefully observed, that full time be allowed for clear evidence that the Lord hath called them to this weighty work.”

The following friends are appointed to compose a Meeting for Sufferings, for the ensuing year, to act on behalf of this Meeting, in relation to such subjects as, according to our Discipline, may properly claim the attention of that Meeting, viz : John Osborne, David Buffum, Perez Peck, Joseph Met-

calf, Samuel Boyd Tobey, John D. Lang, Samuel Taylor, Allen Wing, Samuel Boyce, Joseph Taber, of Albion, Timothy C. Collins, Thomas Harkness, Stephen Jones, David K. Akin, Stephen A. Chace, William Farr, William C. Taber, Tobias Meader, Micajah C. Pratt, Thomas Jones, George Howland, Jr., Benajah Buffum, Alden Sampson, William A. Robinson, Stephen Beede, Gilbert Congdon, Richard Battey, Ebenezer Frye, Henry M. Minott, Elisha Jones, of Windham, John Page, Charles R. Tucker, Lemuel Gifford, Nathan Breed, of Lynn, Joseph Taylor, George Bowen, Newell Hoxie, David Kelly, Moses Huntington, Jr., Thomas S. Gifford and Edward Earle.

The Committee to settle the Treasurer's account made the following report, which is accepted, and our Quarterly Meetings are requested to raise their respective proportions of the amount called for (\$1,200) and forward the same to our friend David Buffum, whom we appoint our Treasurer, viz :

"TO THE YEARLY MEETING.

The Committee to examine and settle the Treasurer's account, &c., report they have attended to their appointment and find a balance due the Treasurer, of nine hundred forty-one and $\frac{26}{100}$ dollars.

They are united in proposing that twelve hundred dollars be raised for the use of the Meeting, and David Buffum for Treasurer.

THOMAS HARKNESS,

For the Committee.

Newport, 6th mo., 11th, 1860."

Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting proposes that the hour of assembling of its Meeting of Ministers and Elders, in the fifth month, be changed from 11 o'clock in the morning to 3 o'clock in the afternoon of the same day, and that the same Meeting convene in the 8th and 11th months, at 3 o'clock instead of 2 o'clock.

It also proposes that Perez Peck be appointed correspondent for Greenwich Monthly Meeting, in place of our late dear friend Rowland Greenc. Post office address, Anthony, Rhode Island.

Which propositions are united with.

Fairfield Quarterly Meeting informs that the correspondent of St. Albans Monthly Meeting, has removed out of its limits and proposes Daniel Shepherd in his place. Post Office address, St. Albans, Maine, which is approved.

The Representatives from Vassalboro Quarterly Meeting, propose the appointment of Joseph H. Cole, as correspondent of Vassalboro Monthly Meeting, in the place of our friend Daniel Taber deceased, which is approved by us; Post Office address, Vassalboro, Maine.

The Committee appointed by this meeting, last year, to labor, in Gospel love, for the removal of differences existing to some extent within our limits, presented the following report, which was acceptable to us, and desiring that friends everywhere may be preserved in the love of God, which surely produces love to the brethren, we release the Committee from further service, viz :

“ TO THE YEARLY MEETING.

The Committee appointed last year to labor in the spirit of restoring love, to remove the causes that had in some measure tended to interrupt the harmony in one or more of the subordinate meetings, report: that we have attended to our appointment, and we trust in degree in the spirit desired by the Yearly Meeting. We have attended the Quarterly Meeting in which unhappy differences appeared to exist, as reported last year, and have given written advice both to the meeting and to individuals; and we are thankful in being able to state, that the members of that meeting who had become involved in these difficulties, manifested a disposition cheerfully to accept the advice offered, and we believe no farther labor on their account, is required from this meeting at the present time. We therefore propose that the Committee be released from farther service.

DAVID BUFFUM,
STEPHEN JONES,
SAMUEL BOYD TOBEY.

Newport, 6th month, 13th, 1860.”

This meeting is again introduced into deep exercise on account of deficiencies that have been reported in the answers to the Queries the present year, especially the answer to the 2d

query, in regard to love and unity. We are sensible that the want of these essentials to our life as a body, may be confined to a few individuals, and yet, in an honest answer, appear to exhibit a greater extent of deficiency, than really exists in point of fact. In the present instance, it is, however, evident that there is an interruption of harmony, to a degree that cannot fail to prove injurious to individuals and to families, if not to the body of the meeting. When one member suffers, all the members suffer with it. There is one Head over all things unto the Church. We have one Master, even Christ, and all of us are brethren. This is the condition of the Christian Church and of every one of its members; and when love and unity are interrupted between the professed followers of Jesus, we may be assured that there has been a want of watchfulness unto prayer, and that the voice and guidance of the good Shepherd have not been heard and followed. We know that in our weakness and fallibility, we are ever liable to err if we are not constantly engaged to walk in the love and in the fear of God. But our gracious and holy Leader has instructed us very minutely how to proceed with an offending brother. "If thy brother shall trespass against thee, go tell him his fault, between thee and him alone." We are not at liberty to speak of it to any one, not even to a fellow member, until we have taken this course with the offender; and if we neglect this first step, we do not observe the command of Christ, and become, ourselves, offenders against Him. We are confirmed in the belief, that if in the spirit of restoring love, we thus approach a brother who we apprehend has erred, we shall very often be favored to cause him to see and condemn the error of his way, and shall have the unspeakable comfort of having gained our brother; possibly of having saved a soul from death. If, unhappily, he will not hear us, the next step in the order of the Gospel is to take with us one or two more; and if he shall neglect to hear them, we are then to tell it unto the church. This is the order which the adorable Head of the Church has prescribed; this is the

course which we, as a portion of that Church, have ever acknowledged as obligatory upon us; upon this, His explicitly declared law, is our Discipline founded in relation to offenders. To restore to the truth where any have departed from it, is the paramount object of christian care and labor; and a vital question for every one of us to answer, not only to the Church, but also unto Him who is to judge us in the last day, is whether we have kept his command in this respect. Have we observed His law to "do unto others as we would have them do unto us?" If this be our engagement, there is no place for tale bearing and detraction; no liberty for whisperings and insinuations that militate against a brother or any of our fellow men. Very fearful and destructive are the consequences of an indulgence in these practices, which have their origin and support in him who is characterized as the accuser of the brethren. To you, beloved friends, between whom that love and unity which are indispensable to christian brethren, have been in some measure interrupted, we desire most tenderly and earnestly to appeal. How short is the remaining day of your probation! How soon will you be called to stand before Him who has loved us with an everlasting love; who knoweth our hearts and watcheth over us every hour of our lives! Be willing we entreat you, closely to examine yourselves. Be willing to lie very low before the Lord. Remember your own need of forgiveness. Forget not that if we are saved, it will be as *pardoned sinners*. Seek to be clothed with the beautiful garment of humility. Ask, in self abasedness for the guidance of the Holy Spirit. Yield yourselves unto His gentle and pure teachings, and your hearts will not fail to be filled with love. Brother will seek to be reconciled unto brother, and in the exercise of that charity which thinketh no evil, each will prefer other to himself, and harmony and fellowship will be restored. "Be of one mind, live in peace, and the God of love and peace shall be with you."

The Clerk is requested to furnish a copy of the foregoing Minute, to our several subordinate meetings.

The Committee on Correspondence are requested to prepare suitable Minutes for our Friends now in attendance of this Meeting from other Yearly Meetings.

Adjourned to 4 o'clock this afternoon.

AFTERNOON—met by adjournment.

The Committee on the concern of this Meeting for the Penobscot and Passamaquodda tribes of Indians, made the following report, viz :

“TO THE YEARLY MEETING.

The Committee having charge of the concern of this Meeting for the improvement of the Penobscot and Passamaquodda Indians, report that way has not opened to visit the Passamaquoddies during the past year; we have learned, however, from reliable sources that they are making some progress in agriculture and literary attainments.

One of our number, in company with another friend, has recently visited the Penobscot tribe, had an interview with the present and former agent, also with the “Superintending School Committee,” and with the teachers of the past winter and present summer schools among them, and thus have obtained reliable information that to the Committee is satisfactory and encouraging.

It is difficult to ascertain the exact number of the tribe, owing to their wandering habits, but they are estimated at 475; of whom about 125 are adult males, and 115 females, leaving 235 minors.

They have six months schooling, annually among them, at Old Town, by Protestant teacher; three in the winter by a male, and three in the summer by a female.

The winter term had 70 scholars on the list, varying from six to forty years of age, many of whom made good improvement in Reading, Writing, Arithmetic and Geography. The summer term had been in operation about two weeks, but was suspended at the time of our visit, on account of a case of small pox among the children, which had very much alarmed the Indians. Both of the teachers speak of the children as advancing more rapidly in their studies than white children, and as being governed with greater ease. There is also a school in operation on one of their upper islands. And from some of the intermediate ones some of the children attend town schools.

Their farming operations, to a considerable extent, were examined and gave evidence of improvement in the manner and amount of their husbandry. We also examined some of their houses; one in particular which was well finished and furnished, and kept clean and neat. The front yard was tastefully ornamented with flowers, plants and shrubbery.

Intoxicating liquors are less used by the tribe than in former years though it is thought there are from twenty to twenty-five who at times indulge in intoxication.

The following statistics show, as near as can be obtained, the amount of their crops, the past year, in bushels.

Potatoes	- -	3350	Peas	- - - -	54
Other vegetables		154	Barley	- - -	127
Oats	- - - -	2973	Wheat	- - - -	106
Beans	- - -	162	Buckwheat	- -	184

Total amount 7110 bushels.

The bounty received from the State, on the above crops, was \$546,60.

When we look upon their past history and consider their miserable condition, when within the recollection of some friends now living, not one framed house was found among them, but a dirty bark covered wigwam was their most comfortable dwelling, and hunting and fishing was almost their only means of support, and compare this with the present, when many of them are living in good houses with fruitful fields and gardens around them and in the enjoyment of many domestic comforts, may we not with gratitude acknowledge, that He, who of one blood created all nations of men, has seen fit to bless the labor bestowed to improve their condition, and be encouraged by the past still to extend toward them a brother's hand and our christian sympathy.

We would propose that \$50 be appropriated to aid in the work.

Signed on behalf of the Committee.

STEPHEN JONES."

which is satisfactory to this Meeting. Interesting facts concerning these Indians, particularly the Penobscot tribe, were stated verbally by one of the Committee and we are encouraged in the belief that there has been a steady improvement in their habits, and an advancement in civilization and christianization. We think we have sufficient evidence that the

labors bestowed by our Committee, and the influence they have exerted over this remnant of the aborigines of our country, in accordance with the ancient concern of this Meeting, have not been in vain; and we appoint the following friends to give such attention as they may be able to do in pursuance of our concern, and report to this Meeting next year; and our Treasurer is requested to pay to Stephen Jones \$50 as suggested in the report of the Committee, to be appropriated as they may deem most useful to this people, viz:

John D. Lang, Stephen Jones, Joseph Taber, Nathan Douglass, Allen Wing, Caleb Nichols, Samuel Taylor, Eli Jones, Alfred H. Jones, Henry T. Wood and James Van Blarcum.

Adjourned to 4 o'clock to-morrow afternoon.

FIFTH DAY AFTERNOON, the 14th, friends again convened according to adjournment. The representatives all present except one, for whose absence a sufficient reason was assigned.

The committee on education presented the following report, which is interesting and very acceptable to us; and this meeting continues the same friends under appointment for another year, to act as a committee of this meeting, on this interesting subject; and we desire their encouragement in this engagement, and that they may be favored to extend help in various neighborhoods, where there may be few friends, especially in the establishment of First day schools, for our own members and such other children as may properly attend with them, to report to this meeting next year, viz. :—

“ TO THE YEARLY MEETING :

The committee on education report :—That the following statistical information has been compiled from accounts received from the several monthly meetings, bearing upon the subject of our appointment, viz. :—

Number of children in the Yearly Meeting, between the		
ages of four and sixteen years,	- - -	892
Number between sixteen and twenty-one years,	- - -	483
Number of Monthly Meeting Schools,	- - -	2

Number of Preparative Meeting Schools, - - - -	1
Number of Family Schools, - - - -	6
Number of children attending schools taught by Friends or wholly under their control, - - - -	197
Number of children attending mixed or promiscuous schools, - - - -	966
Number of children taught by Friends in mixed schools,	212
Number of members of our Yearly Meeting who have taught school the past year, - - - -	117
Number of our members, who, in obtaining an education at academies and colleges, are placed out from among Friends, - - - -	12
Number of First Day Schools taught under the care of Friends, - - - -	29
Average continuance of First Day Schools,—about six months.	
Number of pupils attending the same, - - - -	735
Number of pupils attending the same, who are members of our religious society, - - - -	466

The subject confided to us has, from time to time, claimed our attention, under a deep feeling of its importance, and a survey of the field before us, as well as our meetings on this island, has afforded cheering evidence that, while our progress in the work has been slow, and much, very much, remains to be accomplished, our course is still onward; and the interest of Friends for the guarded literary and religious education of our youth is, in a good degree, lively and animating.

One cause of encouragement, afforded by the statistics now before us, is the increased number of children reported as in the attendance of select schools, while the number of our children who are taught by Friends, in promiscuous schools, is nearly one-sixth of the whole.

Another striking feature exhibited in the summary now presented, is the large number of our members who are reported as having been engaged as teachers during the past year; and this evidence of the favorable opinion, in the community, of their qualifications for this arduous and responsible duty, is, we believe, cause of gratulation.

For this interesting class, composed mostly of those in the younger walks of life, our interest and sympathies have been awakened, that they may not only be diligent in the performance of their allotted service, under a deep sense of the obligations which they have assumed, but that, seeking for that

wisdom which is from above, they may be thereby qualified to discharge themselves "as to the Lord and not unto men."

Of the continued efficiency of our Boarding School at Providence, we are abundantly satisfied. By the account from Vassalboro', we are informed that "Oak Grove Seminary" has been in successful operation during the past year, and some of our number who have attended the examinations at this school, report it in a flourishing condition.

Upon the subject of Scriptural instruction, either in First day schools, in families, or by the formation of Bible classes of adult members for this purpose, we can confidently report an increased interest during the year. The number of schools is slightly augmented, and the proportion of our children who are enjoying the benefits of these simple, though highly useful, auxiliaries to a religious education, is also greater.

We wish, however, earnestly to press upon Friends in some localities, the necessity for greater exertion in this important work. In eleven of our Monthly Meetings, no First day school is at this time reported.

Although fully aware of some of the obstacles to be met, in the organization and proper maintenance of these schools, in the little meetings and scattered neighborhoods of Friends, to which we allude, we are tenderly solicitous that neither these difficulties, nor an undue shrinking, from a sense of weakness, on the part of those who may feel drawn to this labor of love, may unfortunately deter any of our dear Friends from a faithful discharge of duty, in feeding these tender lambs of the flock.

On behalf of the committee,

HENRY T. WOOD, Clerk.

Newport, 6th month 14th, 1860."

[Committee.—George Bowen, Joseph Macumber Jonathan Freeborn, Charles W. Earle, Thomas S. Gifford, Abner Slade, Samuel Austin, Caleb M. Paine, Timothy C. Collins, Abel F. Collins, Charles F. Coffin, Jr, William Chace, Josiah D. Chellis, Thomas Folsom, Thomas W. Thorndike, Joseph Hoag, Stephen Dillingham, Newell Hoxsie, Nathan T. Shepherd, Samuel Brown, Isaac R. Potter, George W. Francis, Adrian Davis, John Macumber, Henry T. Wood, William R. Taber, Matthew Barney, Christopher C. Hussey, Rufus Horton, John W. Jones, Stephen Swett, Joseph Cartland, Oliver Pope,

Elisha Jones, John Cartland, Abraham Winslow, David Babcock, Samuel H. Colton, Timothy K. Earle, Albert S. Payson, William H. Aldrich, Eli Jones, Alfred H. Jones, Thomas B. Nichols, Joseph H. Cole, William Taber, Joseph H. Pratt, Walter Sawyer, Jonathan Nutter, Albert C. Buffum, Timothy B. Hussey, Ezra Gould, Lewis Hoag, William A. Sampson, Levi Jones, Joseph Taylor, Isaac Winslow, Joseph Winslow, Benjamin G. Shepherd.

Elizabeth T. Chase, Mary Rodman, Sarah Slade, Maria Buffington, Phebe Reynolds, Mary Ann Sisson, Electa Jane Collins, Dorcas G. Babcock, Dorcas B. Robinson, Susan Shove, Eunice B. Boyce, Anna A. Chase, Mary T. Gove, Cynthia W. Huntington. Sabina A. Page, Hannah Page, Phebe Kelley, Elizabeth Dillingham, Susan Shepherd, Maria Brown, Phebe R. Gifford, Maria B. Smith, Rebecca Church, Phebe Slade, Christina Macy, Sarah M. Easton, Anna G. Wood, Susan G. Kempton, Mary B. Reed, Abigail Hodges, Mary R. Hadwin, Abigail Wheeler, Sarah C. Fry, Lucy Collins, Hannah Meader, Nabby Bean, Eunice J. Rich, Esther Jones, Maria Pope, Jane Pope, Nancy Frost, Anna Milliken, Lydia P. Fry, Rachel B. Nichols, Mary R. Jones, Mary C. Jones, Hannah Taber, Elizabeth T. Cook, Sarah B. Roberts, Mercy Osborne, Cynthia Buffum, Hannah Morrell, Sarah Hoag, Abigail C. Beede, Cynthia F. Jones, Elizabeth G. Sampson, Phebe Taylor, Sarah Winslow, Eunice Winslow and Zilpha J. Shepherd.]

The committee to attend to a reprint of the London General Epistle, report that they have attended to the service, and that they are placed, in the usual proportions, in the hands of the representatives, to be conveyed to the Quarterly Meetings.

The clerk is directed to sign, on our behalf, the following minute for our friend, Thomas Frazier, and similar ones for our friends, Lindley M. Hoag, Jeremiah A. Grinnell, Samuel Lloyd, Joseph Haviland, Huldah Atwater, Naomi Coffin, Edith Griffith, Mary B. Pinkham, Julia Ann McCool and Hannah S. Fry, viz:—

“Our beloved friend Thomas Frazier, attended this meeting. His company and religious services have been acceptable to us.”

The Clerk is directed to sign on our behalf, the following minute for our friend Elijah Coffin; and similar minutes for our friends Asa Williams, Lydia A. Macomber, Thomas W. McCool, Eli Haines, Lydia H. Stanley, John C. Hill, William E. Morris, Lindley M. and Mary M. Ferris, and Thomas E. Pinkham, viz: "Our beloved friend Elijah Coffin, attended this meeting. His company and solid deportment have been acceptable and satisfactory to us."

Our brethren of New York Yearly Meeting, inform that Levi Arnold is appointed correspondent in Stanford Monthly Meeting, in place of Abijah Palmer, deceased. Address Stanfordville, Dutchess County, New York; and that Elihu Hoag is appointed correspondent in Peru Monthly Meeting, in place of Paul Southwick, deceased. Address Reeseville, Clinton County, New York.

The committee on correspondence presented essays of Epistles to our brethren of the Yearly Meetings of London, Ireland, New York, Baltimore, North Carolina, Ohio, Indiana and Western; which being approved by this meeting, the Clerk is directed to sign them on our behalf, and forward them to those meetings respectively.

The Clerk is requested to cause an edition of 3,000 copies of Extracts from the minutes of this meeting, to be printed and forwarded to our subordinate meetings.

And now, having been brought very near to each other, as we trust, in Gospel love; having witnessed the extension to us of divine mercy during the whole course of this Yearly Meeting, for which we desire to be reverently thankful; and having disposed of the various concerns of the Church, which have claimed our attention in much harmony, we now separate in near unity, proposing to meet again at this place, at the usual time next year if our Heavenly Father so permit.

SAMUEL BOYD TOBEY, *Clerk*.







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At the Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England, held on Rhode Island, commencing with public meetings for worship, at Newport and Portsmouth, on first day the 16th; and for discipline, at Newport, on second day morning, the 17th of sixth month, 1861.

By the Reports received from the Quarterly Meetings, it appears that the following Friends have been appointed Representatives to this Meeting, viz.:—

From RHODE ISLAND—David Buffum, Joseph Metcalf, Samuel Boyd Tobey, Obadiah Chace, Timothy C. Collins, Gilbert Congdon, Levi Almy, Perez Peck, William A. Robinson and Samuel Gifford.

From SALEM—Nathan Breed, Moses Huntington, Jr., Newell Ordway, Daniel Beede, Samuel Boyce, Micajah C. Pratt and Josiah D. Challis.

From SANDWICH—Isaac R. Gifford, Newell Hoxie, David Kelley, William C. Taber, Henry T. Wood, Charles R. Tucker, Nathaniel Gifford and James West.

From FALMOUTH—Henry M. Minott, Abram Winslow, Stephen Cartland, Josiah Winslow, Joshua Cobb, Robert Goddard, Oliver Pope and Nathaniel Hawkes.

From SMITHFIELD—Thomas Grover, Richard Battey, David Babcock and Charles Hadwen.

From VASSALBORO'—Edmund Cates, Josiah Jones, Stephen Jones, Joseph H. Cole, John D. Lang, Caleb Nichols, Josiah Philbrook, Samuel Foster, Benjamin R. Steuens, Winslow Austin and Elisha Mosher.

From DOVER—Joseph M. Hanson, John Estes, Cyrus Bangs, Tobias Meader and Stillman Estes.

From FAIRFIELD—Elijah Pope, Alden Sampson, Samuel Taylor, Winslow Hawkes, William Farr and Joseph Taylor;—

Whose names being called, they were all present.

Having at this meeting the acceptable company of our beloved Friend, John Hodgkin, from England, satisfactory certificates were read from Lewis and Chichester Monthly Meetings, held 3d mo. 21st, 1861, the Quarterly Meeting of Sussex, Surry, Hampshire and part of Dorsetshire, held at Brighton the 28th of 3d mo., 1861; and from the Meeting of Ministers and Elders of the Yearly Meeting of Friends, held in London, acting on behalf of the Society throughout Great Britain, the 28th of 3d mo., 1861;—expressing unity with him as a minister of the Gospel, and with his present religious engagement.

We have also the acceptable company of our beloved Friends, Joel Bean, of Red Cedar Monthly Meeting, Iowa; David Tatum, of Bridgeport Monthly Meeting, Indiana; Sarah Ann Linton, of Center Monthly Meeting, Ohio, and Esther C. Weeks, of Chappaqua Monthly Meeting, New York; and satisfactory certificates from their several meetings, expressive of unity with them as ministers, and with their present religious engagements, were received.

Our beloved Friends, Robert W. Hodson, of Plainfield Monthly Meeting, Indiana, companion to our Friend David Tatum; Rhoda G. Hadley, companion to our Friend Sarah Ann Linton, of Springfield Monthly Meeting, Ohio; and Stephen Wood, of

Chappaqua Monthly Meeting, New York, accompanying our Friend Esther C. Weeks, being present at this meeting, satisfactory credentials from their respective meetings were read, expressive of unity with them as elders, and with their present engagements. We have also the acceptable company of our beloved Friend, Phebe Ann Weeden, of Butternuts Monthly Meeting, New York, companion to our Friend Esther C. Weeks, and a satisfactory certificate from the monthly meeting of which she is a member was received, expressing unity with her as a minister, and with her present engagement.

The London printed Epistle of last year was read at this time, and was truly acceptable to us, and we desire that its instructive contents may be extended to our members generally and may receive their careful attention; and for this purpose, we appoint our Friends, William C. Taber and William A. Robinson, to attend to the reprint of 3,500 copies, and place them in the hands of the Representatives now in attendance of this meeting, for general distribution among the families of Friends.

Epistles from our dear brethren of the Yearly Meetings of London, Ireland, New York, Baltimore, North Carolina, Ohio, Indiana and Western, have been received at this time, and have been grateful to us, bringing our fellow professors of those meetings into sweet remembrance; and we appoint the following Friends to prepare, as way may open for it, essays of communications to those several Meetings, and present them at a future sitting, viz.:—William C. Taber, John D. Lang, James Van Blarcom, Samuel Boyce, Samuel Boyd Tobey, Gilbert Congdon, Joseph Metcalf, Stephen Jones, David Buffum, Stephen A. Chace, Obadiah Chace, Newell Hoxie, Samuel Taylor, Daniel Beede, John Osborne, John Page, Moses H. Beede, Alden Sampson, David K. Akin, Edmund Cates, Henry M. Minott, John Milton Earle, Eli Jones, William P. Howland, Newell Ordway, Charles R. Tucker, George L. Collins, Isaac R. Gifford, Joseph Taber, Henry T. Wood, Tobias Meader, William A. Robinson and Joseph Cartland.

By the reports from the several Quarterly Meetings, it appears they have given the necessary attention to raising the stock called for by this meeting last year; and we appoint our friends, Gideon C. Smith, Micajah C. Pratt, William Gifford, Oliver Pope, Samuel H. Colton, Samuel Foster, Benajah Buffum and Charles M. Bailey, to examine and settle the Treasurer's account, and propose a suitable sum for the use of this meeting the present year, and the name of a Friend for Treasurer,—to report at a future sitting.

By the Reports from the Quarterly Meetings, we are informed that *Rhode Island* has united with Rhode Island Monthly Meeting, in acknowledging the gift and approving the public appearances in the Ministry of William S. Richardson, and in the appointment of Elizabeth F. Chace and Ruth Chace to the station of Elder; and with Swansey Monthly Meeting, in the appointment of Ruth B. Gifford to the same station; and that the following Friends have deceased during the past year, viz.:—John Meader, a Minister and member of Providence Monthly Meeting, 6th month 7th, 1860, aged 62 years, 7 months and 4 days; Hannah Gould, an Elder and member of Rhode Island Monthly Meeting, 7th month 7th, 1860, aged 80 years, less one day; Susan Ann Buffum, an Elder and member of the same Monthly Meeting, 3d month 5th, 1861, aged 72 years, 10 months and 6 days; and Anna Shove, an Elder and member of Swansey Monthly Meeting, 8th month 19th, 1860, aged 78 years, 8 months and 25 days.

Salem reports that David Dow, a member of Seabrook Monthly Meeting, in the station of Elder, died 5th month, 26th, 1860, aged 78 years, 4 months, and 28 days; that Ruth Bassett, an Elder and member of Salem Monthly Meeting, died 7th month, 5th, 1860, aged 78 years, 3 months, and 9 days, and that Mary Chace, a member of the same meeting, a minister, deceased 4th month, 26th, 1861, aged 88 years, 10 months and 23 days.

Sandwich informs that it has united with Dartmouth Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Moses Smith, Maria

B. Smith and Huldah Gifford, to the station of Elder; that Nantucket Monthly Meeting has accepted from Christopher C. Hussey, late a Minister and member of that Monthly Meeting, a resignation of his right of membership; and that Mary B. Farnum, a Minister and member of the same Monthly Meeting, died 1st month, 27th, 1861, aged 87 years.

Falmouth reports that Anna Purinton, an Elder and member of Falmouth Monthly Meeting died 11th month, 7th, 1860, aged 92 years, 6 months, and 14 days; and Naomi S. Parker, an Elder and member of Limington Monthly Meeting, deceased 8th month, 20th, 1859, aged 53 years, 5 months.

Vassalboro' informs that it has united with China Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Rachal B. Hussey, Sarah T. Jones and Hannah T. Jenkins to the station of Elder, and with Unity Monthly Meeting, in appointing Elizabeth T. Cook to the same station; that Abijah Newhall, an Elder and member of Vassalboro' Monthly Meeting died 10th month, 6th, 1860, aged 80 years 9 months and 5 days; and that Peace Moulton, an Elder and member of Unity Monthly Meeting, deceased 4th month, 11th, 1861, aged 58 years, 7½ months.

Adjourned to 4 o'clock this afternoon.

AFTERNOON—Convened pursuant to adjournment.

David Buffum, on behalf of the Representatives, informed that they had consulted together, and were united in proposing Samuel Boyd Tobey, for Clerk, and Charles R. Tucker, for Assistant Clerk; which being approved by the Meeting, they are appointed to those stations for the ensuing year.

The Records of this Meeting, for 1860, were now read.

The Committee having charge of our Boarding School at Providence presented their Annual Report, which is satisfactory to us, and is as follows, viz:

“ TO THE YEARLY MEETING.

The Committee for the Superintendence of the Boarding School, report: That for the Summer term of the School there were admitted 131 scholars, 72 males and 59 females;

and for the Winter term, 119 scholars, 77 males and 42 females.

It will be remembered, that at our last Yearly Meeting verbal information was communicated relative to the occurrence, early in the Summer term, of severe sickness and death. At that time the number of scholars was very much reduced, but after the interval of a few weeks the greater part returned, reaching 109 of the former number, viz: 67 males and 42 females. As the statements made at that time were very minute, we would now simply inform that the sickness, so far as it respects the scarlet fever, was confined principally to the two cases that proved fatal.

We have continued to feel, from time to time, tender sympathy for the afflicted parents, with desires that He who bindeth up the broken-hearted may be their support and consolation. We trust that their great loss is gain to the dear departed children, and that these solemn events were sanctified to many. Amid the sore trials we passed through, we had cause humbly and gratefully to acknowledge an overruling Hand of Mercy.

Our friends, Joseph and Gertrude W. Cartland, acceptably served the Institution, as Principals, until the close of the Summer term, when the impaired health of the latter rendered it necessary for them to resign their responsible trust. They were assisted by the following teachers, viz: John F. Rowell, Harriet C. Woodman, Elma Dame, and Lois Anna Greene, in the English branches; Henry K. Pinkham, in Mathematics; Robert Henry Duncan, in the Greek and Latin languages; Alphonse Renaud, in French and German; and Mary A. Potter, in Drawing.

At the close of the Summer term, eleven scholars, having completed the course of study, as prescribed by the rules of the School, were presented with duly authenticated diplomas of scholarship. This occasion was also marked by the termination of our official connection with Joseph and Gertrude W. Cartland, who were instrumental in introducing this more

extended and systematic course of instruction. For five years they faithfully and successfully served the Institution, and we recur to this period with much satisfaction, with desires that retirement and rest may restore our dear friend to health and continued usefulness.

Our former arrangements having proved satisfactory, it appeared desirable to continue the same or a similar plan. We were enabled to carry out our views in a modified form, by a contract entered into with Albert K. Smiley, who, with his wife, Eliza P. Smiley entered into an engagement to become the Principals and Superintendents.

The Winter term opened with the following as a Board of Instructors:—

ALBERT K. SMILEY, }
ELIZA P. SMILEY, } Principals.

ALFRED H. SMILEY, Associate Principal.

JOHN F. ROWELL, }
RUFUS READ, } Teachers of English Branches.
REBECCA H. SMILEY, }
RUTH P. NICHOLS, }

JOSEPH W. CONGDON, Assistant Teacher of Greek and Latin.

Dr. LORENZ ENDERS, Teacher of French and German.

MARY A. POTTER, Teacher of Drawing.

Meetings for worship have been regularly held at the School House, on First day mornings, with a few exceptions, consequent upon the sickness in the summer. At that time, the scholars who remained availed themselves of the First day morning Meeting in the city, which they usually attend on the afternoon of that day, and in the middle of the week. The Meetings at the School House have been attended, in nearly every instance, by members of the committee or other Friends, and we trust they have been seasons of favor and of interest.

The health of the scholars for the past year, with the exceptions already referred to, has been remarkably good.

Instruction in the Holy Scriptures has formed a part of the regular school exercises, and a concern has been cherished to

discharge our duty in every respect towards the youth committed to our care, in harmony with our religious profession, and in dependence upon His blessing, who is Head over all.

The accounts of the Institution having been audited, exhibit the following result for the past year:—

The receipts for tuition, &c., with \$4,192 $\frac{35}{100}$ of the income from the Fund, have paid all the expenses of the establishment.

The remainder of the income has been expended for insurance and interest, and \$1,653 $\frac{81}{100}$ towards the reduction of the debt, leaving the present indebtedness of the Institution, \$1,500.

We propose that the terms of the School commence and continue as last year, and that the charges remain the same, viz.:—\$40 per term for members of our Yearly Meeting; \$60 for members of other Yearly Meetings, and where one or both parents are members of our religious Society, or the scholars are sent at the charge and expense of such members; and \$100 for any others, payable in advance.

That \$5 additional charge continue to be made for instruction, either in the Ancient Languages, in French, or in Drawing, and that books and stationery be furnished at the same price as heretofore.

Signed on behalf of the School Committee,

GILBERT CONGDON, Clerk.

Providence, 5th month 7th, 1861.

REGULATIONS OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

“As the number to be admitted is limited to eighty of each sex, it will be necessary that the committee should be seasonably informed of all in this Yearly Meeting that desire to occupy places in the school, in order that they may determine how many others, if any, may be received.

Application should therefore be made for members of our Yearly Meeting, seasonably to be laid before the committee at their meetings to be held in the 3d and 9th months—as heretofore determined by the Yearly Meeting.

At these meetings, applications for the admission of members of our Yearly Meeting, will have precedence of all others.

After this time, applications for the admission of scholars, will be considered in the order in which they are made.

Monthly Meetings desirous of occupying the privilege of the Charitable fund, are requested to send their applications as heretofore, in season for the meeting of the committee in the 9th month, and to specify whether they desire it during the winter or succeeding summer term. And friends are requested to observe the various regulations adopted by the Yearly Meeting, in order for admission of scholars into the school.

It is desired that payment for each term be made in advance.

It is expected that scholars will be at the school punctually at the commencement of the term; but if circumstances occur to prevent such attendance, notice is to be forwarded to the Principals, within one week of that time, stating whether or not their places are desired to be reserved for them. A failure to attend the school, or to give the notice above specified, shall be considered a relinquishment of the privilege, unless again admitted by the committee; and in all cases of children being admitted for the term, and attending the school, it is expected that payment will be made for the term.

Friends of pupils, and others, visiting the school, will in future be expected to defray the expense arising to the Institution.

Application for admission into the school, and for the benefit of the Charitable Fund, is to be made to the Principals.

Address ALBERT K. SMILEY,

Principal Friends Boarding School, Providence, R. I."

[Committee.—Samuel Boyd Tobey, Gilbert Congdon, Wm. C. Taber, Samuel Taylor, Samuel Boyce, Gideon C. Smith, George Howland, Jr., Samuel Austin, Charles R. Tucker, David Buffum, Stephen A Chase, William A. Robinson and John D. Lang.

Susan Howland, Lydia Congdon, Sarah F. Tobey, Ann Elmira Lang, Eliza B. Boyce, Mary A. Smith, Lydia H. Jones, Dorcas F. Tucker, Rachel S. Howland, Sarah T. Sampson, Ann B. Earle and Anna T. Dennis.]

And the friends now under appointment are desired to unite with a similar Committee of Women Friends in the care and superintendence of the school, and requested to report to this meeting, next year. And they are empowered to exercise their judgment in relation to the attendance of religious meetings by the inmates of the Institution; either with Friends in the city of Providence, or to hold meetings in the school house for their accommodation.

The Epistle addressed to us by the Yearly Meeting of London, held in 1860, and the one from Ohio for 1859, were now read and are acceptable; and they are referred to the Committee on Correspondence, appointed this morning.

The following friends are appointed to prepare a summary of the answers to the queries, and present it at our next sitting, viz: Samuel Gifford, Nathan Breed, Newell Hoxie, Oliver Pope, Richard Battey, Joseph H. Cole, Tobias Meader, and Joseph Taylor.

Adjourned to 10 o'clock to-morrow morning.

THIRD DAY MORNING, the 18th. The meeting assembled at the hour to which it was adjourned.

The Representatives present except one, for whose absence a sufficient reason was assigned.

By the report from Falmouth Quarterly Meeting, we are informed that Caleb Jones appeals to this Meeting from their decision, and that they have appointed a committee to represent them in the case. Whereupon, we appoint our friends Joseph Metcalf, Perez Peck, Moses F. Rogers, Nathan Breed, David Kelly, William C. Taber, John Osborne, Richard Battey, Edmond Cates, Elisha Mosher, Stephen Beede, Tobias Meader, William Farr and Charles M. Bailey, to hear the parties in the case, and report their judgment at a future sitting of this meeting.

The Committee on the Correspondence are requested to present to this Meeting, returning minutes for Friends from other Yearly Meetings now in attendance of this.

Smithfield Quarterly Meeting informs that James N. Fry, on account of bodily infirmity, desires to be released as correspondent of Bolton Monthly Meeting, and David Babcock is proposed in his place; which is satisfactory to this Meeting. Post-office address, Bolton, Mass.

Falmouth Quarterly Meeting proposes that the hour of assembling of that Meeting be changed from eleven to ten o'clock in the morning; to which this meeting assents, and the Clerk is directed to furnish that Meeting with a copy of this minute.

The Meeting now entered into a consideration of the state of Society, by reading the queries and answers, and proceeded therein to the fourth inclusive—and then adjourned to 4 o'clock this afternoon.

At the appointed hour Friends again assembled, and continued in the engagement of the morning by reading the remaining queries and answers. In this review of the condition of our little portion of the Christian church, we are, as in former years, brought to mourn over the deficiencies that are apparent, especially in the attendance of our religious meetings for the worship of our Father in Heaven, and in the maintenance of that love which is essential to Christian brethren, and which is the evidence of being disciples of Christ. Much pertinent counsel was offered, and many tender appeals made to us, by concerned Friends.

We were affectionately reminded of the declaration in Holy Writ, regarding those who came not up to Jerusalem to worship the King, the Lord of Hosts, that upon them should descend no rain, and that a plague should rest upon their habitation: and the query was raised whether there were not those who could testify, from experience, that as they have neglected the due attendance of their religious meetings, coldness and indifference in regard to the maintenance of our

Christian testimonies have pervaded their minds, and they have witnessed less and less of the love of God shed abroad in their hearts, until something has come over their habitation which may be compared to a plague.

A fervent desire was expressed that those who have been neglectful of this high duty may be aroused to a sense of its importance; that they may feel it a privilege as well as a duty to assemble with their friends, for the purpose of worshipping Him to whom we are indebted for all our blessings, both temporal and spiritual; and may say to others, both by precept and example, "Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, and to the house of the God of Jacob, and *He* will teach us of his ways, and we will walk in his paths."

We were earnestly exhorted, when thus assembled, to remember that silence does not constitute worship; that by an unconcerned and irreverent manner we may impede the progress of those who are seeking the way of Truth, but who will find encouragement when they see in us an evidence of true engagement to wait upon the Lord; and the silent tear which manifests a melted spirit and penitent heart, may plead more effectually than words to bring them to the feet of Jesus.

If we are concerned to love God supremely, we cannot fail to love our fellow men. "Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us,"—was a part of the memorable prayer taught by our blessed Saviour to his disciples. And if we are to find forgiveness only as we extend it to others, how important that all of us should carefully examine our own hearts, in order to know whether there is any thing there which prevents the free circulation of love towards our brethren, and in sincerity pray for its removal.

The importance of the daily reading of the Holy Scriptures in our families, was feelingly spread before us, and the faithful observance of this practice was again earnestly commended to us. We were reminded that, as this duty is performed with our spirits turned unto the Lord for help, although we may not stand as ministers in the church, a word for the

encouragement or edification of those we love may be given us, or we may be strengthened to bow the knee, and vocally supplicate our Father in Heaven that his blessing may rest upon us.

The present condition of our beloved country, and the temptations and trials to which we are exposed, have weighed heavily upon us. We have ever been a loyal people. We have always acknowledged our allegiance to the authorities placed over us. We have ever been engaged to sustain civil government, not only by yielding to its authority on all points not involving conscientious scruples, but by exerting such moral power as we might possess to bring others into obedience to it; and at this day, when a section of our land has risen up against it, and by violent means is seeking to subvert and overthrow it, while our sympathies may properly be enlisted for the rulers of our land, now involved in deep responsibility and sore trial, and our prayers rightfully raised to the Lord, that they may be endued with that wisdom which is profitable to direct, yet we are not to forget that it is not for us to mingle in the deadly strife, or to promote in others the spirit which tends to unsheath the sword and to bring them into conflict with their fellow-men.

It may not be necessary for us to enter, at large, into a specification of the grounds upon which our religious society has always felt bound solemnly to bear its testimony against war in all its forms, and to the peaceable nature of the Christian religion; and yet some of the teachings of our Saviour and his apostles, showing that this testimony has its root in the Gospel, may perhaps be profitably revived, and may tend to strengthen and encourage some who desire to be followers of the Prince of Peace, in continuing steadfast and immovable in their faith and in their works.

“Have peace one with another.” “By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another.” “Walk with all lowliness and meekness, with long suffering, forbearing one another in love.” “See that none render evil

for evil to any man." "God hath called us to peace." "Follow after love, patience, meekness." "Be gentle, showing all meekness unto all men." "Live in peace." "Lay aside all malice." "Put off anger, wrath, malice." "Let all bitterness and wrath, and anger and clamor, and evil speaking be put away from you, with all malice." "Avenge not yourselves." "If thine enemy hunger, feed him; if he thirst, give him drink." "Recompense to no man evil for evil." "Overcome evil with good." "Ye have heard that it hath been said, an eye for an eye, and a tooth for a tooth, but I say unto you, that ye resist not evil; but whosoever shall smite thee on thy right cheek, turn to him the other also." "Ye have heard that it hath been said, Thou shalt love thy neighbor and hate thine enemy; but I say unto you, love your enemies; bless them that curse you; do good to them that hate you; and pray for them that despitefully use you and persecute you; for if ye love them only which love you, what reward have ye?"

These are the precepts of christianity, and they breathe the spirit of love and peace. These are the teachings of the Gospel by which we profess to be governed; and they are obligatory upon all christians in every emergency, and under every circumstance of their lives. Let none doubt the practicability of observing them, or in any wise call in question the efficacy of an abiding faith in the controlling and overruling power of Him, who is an omnipresent God; whose eye is upon every created thing; who regards the falling sparrow, and whose preserving care is extended unto all who seek him and put their trust in Him. How fully has this been illustrated in former times, even in our own religious society in this and in other lands, when its members in seasons of great exposure and trial, rejecting all carnal weapons of defence, have found preservation and deliverance in unwavering trust in the living God. And shall we now doubt his superintending providence? Shall we call in question his promises, which in Christ Jesus are yea and amen forever. And while we may not be required in times of excitement like the present, to

press our views upon unwilling ears; while it may rather be our place to let our light shine by example, and if need be by suffering; while we may feel that in quietness and in prayer we may most effectually subserve the cause of our blessed Redeemer; let us be engaged to give full evidence by meekness and gentleness, by humility and purity; that we are actuated and controlled by a measure of that spirit which breathes peace on earth, good will toward men: and while we pray thy kingdom come, thy will be done, let us manifest in all our words and deeds, that we are engaged to hasten the coming of that day when the kingdoms of this world shall become the kingdoms of our Lord and of his Christ; that we believe the declaration of the evangelical prophet is to be fulfilled wherein he sets forth the change to be wrought under the Christian dispensation. "They shall beat their swords into ploughshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift the sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more." "They shall not hurt nor destroy in all my holy mountain, for the knowledge of the Lord shall cover the earth as the waters cover the sea." "Violence shall be no more heard in thy land, wasting nor destruction within thy borders." Let us remember for our encouragement and comfort, the benediction pronounced by our Saviour. "Blessed are the peace makers, for they shall be called the children of God."

This meeting is also deeply concerned that Friends may be faithful in the continued maintenance of our ancient testimony against slavery; filled as the system is, with violence and wrong to its victims, whether seized in their native land, or born to a condition of life long bondage. God has made of one blood all the nations of men, to dwell on all the face of the earth. Christ died for all, and his commandment is obligatory on all,—“Whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them.” In the observance of this sacred precept, and on religious ground, do we bear our unequivocal testimony against slavery; and crave for the coming

of that day when every yoke shall be broken, every bond loosed, and the oppressed go free.

The following is a summary of the Answers received, viz :

SUMMARY.

Ans. 1st. By the answers from the several Quarterly Meetings, it appears that all our Meetings for worship have been duly held, except in nineteen instances, in small Meetings, mostly occasioned by sickness or inclemency of the weather. Meetings for discipline have all been attended, except a few instances in one Preparative Meeting, which is now discontinued. A neglect in many members, in the attendance of our meetings, is apparent, and that mostly in the middle of the week. The hour is nearly observed. A few instances of sleeping are noticed in all the accounts; also a few instances of other unbecoming behavior, in three, in which some care has been extended.

Ans. 2d. Love and unity appear to be maintained, with few exceptions. Detraction mostly guarded against. Care has been taken to end differences when they have appeared.

Ans. 3d. There is a good degree of care with most Friends to bring up those under their direction in plainness; to restrain them from pernicious reading and corrupt conversation, and to be good examples herein themselves. It appears the Holy Scriptures are frequently read in Friends' families.

Ans. 4th. Friends appear to be careful in the several parts of this query, with four or five exceptions, in regard to the improper use of spirituous liquors, and one account reports a few instances of attending places of public resort inconsistent with our religious profession.

Ans. 5th. Clear, in the several particulars of this query, with a slight exception implied in one account, in regard to placing children out from among Friends.

Ans. 6th. Friends are generally careful in these respects,

yet exceptions are mentioned in most of the answers, in the greater part of which care has been taken.

Ans. 7th. Our testimony in these respects appears to be maintained, except several instances of a military nature, and two instances of contributing to the support of a paid ministry.

Ans. 8th. Friends appear to be careful in the requirements of this query, with four or five exceptions.

Ans. 9th. Care appears to have been taken as to records. A few removals without certificates. Some care taken.

Ans. 10th. Care appears to have been taken to deal with offenders, in good measure, agreeable to this query, and judgment placed according to discipline.

Adjourned to 10 o'clock to-morrow morning.

FOURTH DAY MORNING, the 19th, met pursuant to adjournment.

The records of the Meeting for Sufferings for the past year, were laid before us and read, and the proceedings of that Meeting are approved; and the Friends now under appointment are continued to constitute a Meeting for Sufferings for the ensuing year, and requested to act on our behalf on any subjects that may properly claim their attention, according to the constitution and appointment of that Meeting.

MEMBERS OF MEETING FOR SUFFERINGS.

John Osborne, David Buffum, Perez Peck, Joseph Metcalf, Samuel Boyd Tobey, John D. Lang, Samuel Taylor, Allen Wing, Samuel Boyce, Joseph Taber, of Albion, Timothy C. Collins, Thomas Harkness, Stephen Jones, David K. Akin, Stephen A. Chase, William Farr, William C. Taber, Tobias Meader, Micajah C. Pratt, Thomas Jones, George Howland, Jr., Benajah Buffum, Alden Sampson, William A. Robinson, Stephen Beede, Gilbert Congdon, Richard Battcy, Ebenezer Frye, Henry M. Minott, Elisha Jones, of Windham, John Page, Charles R. Tucker, Lemuel Gifford, Nathan Breed, of Lynn, Joseph Taylor, George Bowen, Newell Hoxie, David Kelly, Moses Huntington, Jr., Thomas S. Gifford and Edward Earle.

The subject of the apportionment among the Quarterly Meetings of the respective quotas of stock, to be raised by them for the use of this Meeting, as proposed by the Meeting for Sufferings, claiming our attention, we appoint the following Friends to take it into consideration, and report to a future sitting, such percentage to each Quarter as, under the circumstances, they may believe to be just and equal, viz. :—William A. Robinson, Obadiah Chace, Josiah Chace, Edward L. Gove, Stephen A. Chase, John Page, Henry T. Wood, Stephen Dillingham, Isaac R. Gifford, James Cartland, Josiah Winslow, Stephen Cartland, Edward Earle, David Babcock, Samuel H. Colton, Samuel Foster, Josiah Jones, Joseph Taber, Benajah Buffum, Cyrus Bangs, John Estes, Joseph Taylor, Reuben T. Jones and Winslow Hawkes.

A testimony of New Bedford Monthly Meeting, united with by Sandwich Quarterly Meeting, concerning our late beloved Friend Joseph Davis, was read, and being approved, it is directed that it be recorded.

Adjourned to 4 o'clock, this afternoon.

AFTERNOON—Friends again assembled at the appointed hour.

The committee, to settle the Treasurer's account, made the following report, which is accepted and approved; and we appoint our Friend David Buffum, our Treasurer for the ensuing year, to whom the Quarterly Meetings are requested to forward their respective quotas of \$1,200, the sum to be raised for the use of this meeting, the current year, viz. :—

" TO THE YEARLY MEETING :

The committee to settle the Treasurer's account, and for other purposes, report—they have attended to their appointment, and find a balance due the Treasurer, of one thousand and nine $\frac{11}{100}$ dollars (\$1,009 $\frac{11}{100}$.)

They are united in proposing that twelve hundred dollars

(\$1,200) be raised for the use of the Meeting, and David Buffum for Treasurer.

GIDEON C. SMITH,
For the Committee.

Newport, 6th month 18th, 1861."

Our brethren of Indiana Yearly Meeting, in their Epistle to us, inform that the Quarterly Meetings in Iowa have requested to have a Yearly Meeting established among them, to which Indiana Yearly Meeting has given its assent, and proposed the year 1863 as the time for the opening of the new Yearly Meeting. This interesting and important proposition has received the full unity of this Meeting, and the clerk is directed to give this information to our Friends, in a post-script to our Epistle to them.

Our beloved Friend, Joel Bean, in the prosecution of his journey towards the Sandwich Islands, whither he goes on an errand of Gospel love, with the full unity of his Friends, informs us that he will not be able to attend another sitting of this Meeting. We desire for him, preservation in the service before him; and that he may know, from day to day, the Good Shepherd to be with him to direct and comfort him, and to qualify him to declare to those who now sit, in some measure in darkness, the way of salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ. The clerk is directed to furnish him with a copy of the following minute, viz. :—

"Our beloved Friend, Joel Bean, in the prosecution of his religious journey, has attended most of the sittings of this Meeting. His company and religious services have been acceptable to us."

A Testimony of Providence Monthly Meeting, united with by Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting, concerning our late beloved friend, John Meader, was presented and read, and being approved, it is directed that it be recorded.

This Memorial has brought our dear friend very sweetly before us. We deeply feel the privation, at this time, of his

presence at our Meeting,—of his wise counsels and active services for the Church. His memory is precious to us.

The Clerk is requested to cause this Testimony, together with the one read this morning, concerning our late dear friend, Joseph Davis, to be printed as an appendix to the Minutes of this Yearly Meeting.

The Committee on Education made the following report, which is interesting and satisfactory to us; and the same Friends as last year, with the addition of Samuel Gifford, Jabez Wood, John H. Crossman, Daniel Jones, and Josiah Philbrook, are continued a Committee on this important concern, and this Meeting desires to encourage and strengthen them, and especially in endeavoring to increase the number of First day Schools; and they are requested to report to this Meeting, next year.

“ TO THE YEARLY MEETING.

The Committee on Education report:

That, as in former years, circulars have been addressed to the correspondents in our several Monthly Meetings, asking for statistical information, which having been kindly furnished by all, the following summary has been compiled therefrom, viz:

Number of children, in the Yearly Meeting, between the			
ages of four and twenty-one years	-	-	- 1291
Number of Monthly Meeting Schools	-	-	- 2
“ Preparative Meeting Schools	-	-	- 1
“ Family Schools	-	-	- 6
“ Friends’ children who have attended School			
the past year	-	-	- 1127
“ Friends’ children who have attended School			
taught by Friends or under their control			292
“ Members of the Yearly Meeting who have			
taught School the past year	-	-	- 121
“ Members who, in obtaining an Education at			
Academies and Colleges, are placed out			
from among Friends	-	-	- 10

Number of First Day Schools taught under the care of	
Friends	36
Average continuance of these Schools, about 6 mos.	
" Pupils attending the same	907
" Friends' children attending the same	477
" Bible Classes of Friends besides First Day	
Scholars	14
" Friends attending Bible Classes	147

The general subject of the guarded education of the youth of this Yearly Meeting, the promotion of which has been more especially delegated to this Committee, has claimed our serious attention, and its magnitude and importance have seemed to rise in our estimation in proportion to the advancement made which, however, slow, we think has been sure, of later years.

While the situation of many of our members in scattered locations has operated, with other causes, to discourage them from an effort to form select schools for the education of their children, yet, with this class, an evidently increasing interest is felt for the guarded training of their beloved offspring; and we are desirous that the advantages now offered by our Boarding School at Providence, should be enjoyed to their full extent by this most interesting portion of our Society.

We can still, with great confidence, recommend this institution to the patronage and support of Friends; and the benefits resulting to their children from the course of instruction here provided at so small a cost, we think will largely repay parents for the necessary sacrifice. We are also favorably impressed by the accounts received of the successful operation of "Oak Grove Seminary," at Vassalboro. Upon the subject of scriptural instruction, we can report an encouraging progress during the past year. Not only is an additional number of schools in operation, but in some of these simple, but highly useful auxiliaries, greater interest has been manifested. Parents and elder friends have been more frequently

in attendance, and their presence, and in some instances hearty co-operation, have in no small degree contributed to the usefulness of the schools.

On behalf of the Committee.

Signed, STEPHEN DILLINGHAM.

Newport, 6th mo. 19, 1861."

[*Committee.*—George Bowen, Joseph Macumber, Jonathan Freeborn, Charles W. Earle, Thomas S. Gifford, Abner Slade, Samuel Austin, Caleb M. Paine, Timothy C. Collins, Abel F. Collins, Charles F. Coffin, Jr., William Chace, Josiah D. Chellis, Thomas Folsom, Thomas W. Thorndike, Joseph Hoag, Stephen Dillingham, Newell Hoxsie, Nathan T. Shepherd, Samuel Brown, Isaac R. Potter, George W. Francis, Adrian Davis, John Macumber, Henry T. Wood, Matthew Barney, Rufus Horton, John W. Jones, Stephen Swett, Joseph Cartland, Oliver Pope, Elisha Jones, John Cartland, Abraham Winslow, David Babcock, Samuel H. Colton, Timothy K. Earle, Albert S. Payson, William H. Aldrich, Eli Jones, Alfred H. Jones, Thomas B. Nichols, Joseph H. Cole, William Taber, Joseph H. Pratt, Walter Sawyer, Jonathan Nutter, Albert C. Buffum, Timothy B. Hussey, Ezra Gould, Lewis Hoag, William A. Sampson, Levi Jones, Joseph Taylor, Isaac Winslow, Joseph Winslow, Benjamin G. Shepherd, Samuel Gifford, Jabez Wood, John H. Crossman, Daniel Jones and Josiah Philbrook.

Elizabeth T. Chace, Mary Rodman, Sarah Slade, Maria Buffington, Phebe Reynolds, Mary Ann Sisson, Electa Jane Collins, Dorcas G. Babcock, Dorcas B. Robinson, Susan Shove, Eunice B. Boyce, Anna A. Chase, Mary T. Gove, Cynthia W. Huntington, Sabina A. Page, Hannah Page, Phebe Kelley, Elizabeth Dillingham, Susan Shepherd, Maria Brown, Phebe R. Gifford, Maria B. Smith, Rebecca Church, Phebe Slade, Sarah M. Easton, Anna G. Wood, Susan G. Kempton, Mary B. Reed, Abigail Hodges, Mary R. Hadwin, Abigail Wheeler, Sarah C. Southwick, Lucy Collins, Hannah Meader, Nabby

Bean, Eunice J. Rich, Esther Jones, Maria Pope, Jane Pope, Nancy Frost, Anna Milliken, Lydia P. Fry, Rachel B. Nichols, Mary R. Jones, Mary C. Jones, Hannah Taber, Elizabeth T. Cook, Sarah B. Roberts, Mercy Osborne, Cynthia Buffum, Hannah Morell, Sarah Hoag, Abigail C. Beede, Cynthia F. Jones, Elizabeth G. Sampson, Phebe Taylor, Sarah Winslow, Eunice Winslow and Zilpha J. Shepherd.]

Adjourned to 4 o'clock to-morrow afternoon.

FIFTH DAY AFTERNOON, the 20th—Friends again assembled. The Representatives present except one.

The Committee to whom was referred the appeal from the decision of Falmouth Quarterly Meeting, presented a communication at this time, evidencing attention to this case; and this Meeting being introduced into a feeling of deep concern for the removal of everything tending to disturb the harmony of that Quarterly Meeting, we appoint the following Friends to visit Meetings or individuals, and to labor, in the ability which may be mercifully conferred, in the spirit of meekness and wisdom, for the restoration of love and unity, and for the support of the cause of Truth and right order in the church,—to report to this meeting next year, viz.:—Samuel Boyd Tobey, Gilbert Congdon, Stephen A. Chase, Samuel Boyce, Isaac R. Gifford, John D. Lang, Newell Hoxie, John Page and Charles R. Tucker.

The committee on the concern of this meeting for the Penobscot and Passamaquoddy Indians, made the following report, which is interesting and satisfactory to us; and we continue the same Friends as last year under appointment, who are requested to give such attention to the object of our concern as they may be enabled to do, and report to this Meeting next year, viz.:—

“TO THE YEARLY MEETING:

The committee on the concern of the Yearly Meeting for the improvement of the Penobscot and Passamaquoddy Indians, having given some attention to the object of our ap-

pointment, report:—That from the most reliable information within our reach, the former tribe has, for several years past, rather increased in population, numbering, at this time, about 525. About one hundred are more or less engaged in farming. They raise corn, wheat, oats, barley, buckwheat, potatoes, beans, peas, and the common vegetables. One of our number having visited them during the past year, it was observed that an increased interest in agriculture was apparent among them; a greater extent of their lands had been seeded with grass, and consequently a larger supply of hay will be the result. Their stock of cattle being small, their hay is mostly sold to their white neighbors.

We find by the report of their agent, that the amount of their bounty crop was six hundred and ninety-seven dollars and five cents,—exceeding that of the previous year by about \$150.

This provision offered as an incentive to better husbandry, while, with many of the Indians it was the prime object of their engaging in agriculture, has produced, in time, good effects, in inciting a love of the occupation, and furnishing those productions so necessary to domestic comfort.

The legislature of Maine appropriated, the last year, \$350 in aid of schools amongst this tribe. The one on the island near Old Town has been visited. The recitations were good, and the deportment of the children satisfactory. The whole number in attendance, 54; average attendance $24\frac{3}{4}$. The length of this school, the past year, has been 20 weeks. Another school, at Lincoln, is spoken of by the agent as being quite equal to that near Old Town, but of which we have no statistics to offer.

It is worthy of remark, that their women are assimilating to the whites in the manner of conducting their household affairs. They are industrious, and derive a profit by the manufacture of moccasins, bead-work, baskets, &c.

The agent of the Passamaquoddy Tribe, in his report to the Governor and Council of Maine, says, “I think the entire

tribe are becoming more and more interested in farming." He also speaks favorably of their general improvement. They have had amongst them two schools. The one at Peter Dennis' Point has averaged in its attendance, from 20 to 25 pupils. The one at Pleasant Point averaged 35, and continued 10 weeks.

On behalf of the Committee,

ELI JONES,
JAMES VAN BLARCOM,
STEPHEN JONES."

Committee.—John D. Lang, Stephen Jones, Joseph Taber, Nathan Douglass, Allen Wing, Caleb Nichols, Samuel Taylor, Eli Jones, Alfred H. Jones, Henry T. Wood and James Van Blarcom.

The Committee to attend to the distribution of a reprint of the London General Epistle, report that the service has been attended to, and the Representatives are requested to convey them to the several Quarterly and Monthly Meetings and see that they are placed in the families of Friends.

The Committee on the subject of a new apportionment of stock among the Quarterly Meetings, made the following report, which is satisfactory to this Meeting, and is adopted.

"TO THE YEARLY MEETING.

The Committee appointed to consider the propriety of a new apportionment of the expenses of the Yearly Meeting among the Quarterly Meetings, propose—

That Rhode Island pay 24 per cent.

" Salem	" 20	"
" Sandwich	" 24	"
" Falmouth	" 5	"
" Smithfield	" 7	"
" Vassalborough	" 7	"
" Dover	" 5	"
" Fairfield	" 8	"

On behalf of the Committee,

WM. A. ROBINSON.

Newport, 6th mo., 20th, 1861."

The Clerk is directed to sign, on our behalf, the following minute, for our friend John Hodgkin:

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The Clerk is directed to sign, on our behalf, the following minute for our friend, David Tatum, and similar minutes for our friends, Sarah Ann Linton, Esther C. Weeks, and Phebe Ann Weeden, viz:

“Our beloved friend David Tatum attended this Meeting. His company and religious services have been acceptable to us.”

The Clerk is also directed to sign on our behalf, the following minute for our friend Robert W. Hodson, and similar ones for our friends Stephen Wood and Rhoda G. Hadley, viz:

“Our beloved friend Robert W. Hodson, attended this meeting. His company and solid deportment have been acceptable and satisfactory to us.”

The Committee on the Correspondence, presented essays of Epistles to our brethren of the Yearly Meetings of London, Ireland, New York, Baltimore, North Carolina, Ohio, Indiana and Western; which being approved, the Clerk is directed to sign them on our behalf, and forward them to those meetings respectively.

The Clerk is directed to cause to be printed, for distribution among the families of Friends, three thousand copies of the Minutes of this Meeting; and he is also requested to have printed on a separate sheet, two thousand copies of the Minute on War and Slavery, for more general circulation.

Having attended to the various matters pertaining to the welfare and right order of the church, which have come before us, in harmony and love, under solemn feelings in a renewed sense of the uncertainty of the future, and that we know not how many of us now part to meet no more on earth; with thankfulness for the mercies that have been now vouchsafed to us, we conclude, proposing to meet again in this place at the usual time next year, if our Heavenly Father so permit.

SAMUEL BOYD TOBEY, *Clerk.*

TESTIMONIES.

JOHN MEADER.

Testimony of Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends, concerning John Meader.

John Meader was the son of Joseph and Elizabeth Meader, and was born at Rochester, New Hampshire, the 3d of 11th month, 1797. His parents were engaged to train up their children in the nurture and admonition of the Lord; and we have cause to believe that their parental care was blessed to the subject of this memorial.

In early life he gave evidence that he was under the forming hand of the great Head of the Church, for usefulness therein, and at the age of eighteen years, he yielded to the requirement of apprehended duty, and uttered a few words in a public meeting for worship.

In the year 1819, he was married to our friend Elizabeth Taber, daughter of our late ancient and beloved friends, Joseph and Huldah Hoag. In the year 1824, the gift of our dear friend was acknowledged, and he was recorded a Minister by Sandwich Monthly Meeting of Friends. He very early saw that it was for him to yield to the calls of his Divine Master, in going from place to place to declare His unsearchable riches, and in the exercise of living faith, to put his trust

in the Lord, that He would make his way and provide all things needful for him while engaged in His service; and in the later years of his life, he often testified that in this trust and confidence he had been sustained, and had lacked nothing. During the four following years, after being recorded a Minister, he several times received minutes of his meeting liberating him for religious service within the limits of neighboring Quarterly Meetings; which visits appear to have been made to the relief and peace of his own mind, and to the satisfaction and comfort of his friends.

In the year 1829, he believed it his duty to open to his Monthly and Quarterly Meetings, a prospect of extensive religious service within the limits of New York, Philadelphia, Ohio, Indiana, and some portions of Baltimore Yearly Meetings, in which engagement his beloved wife felt herself called upon to participate. This concern was the more weighty and formidable, from the fact that it was a period when a fearful schism was progressing in all the different Yearly Meetings within which he was concerned to travel; but having received the full unity and encouragement of friends, he arranged his temporal concerns, and, with his wife, set out upon his journey. Many and deep were his trials and baptisms, as expressed in memoranda which he kept during this engagement, which occupied more than two years; and abundant are the testimonials that have been borne, both written and verbal, to the seasonable and efficient labors of our dear friend, under the qualifying and strengthening hand of Israel's adorable Shepherd. This was the period in the history of our Society, when many, bearing the name of Friends, were ready to deny the Lord that bought them, or *in part* only to acknowledge Him as the Redeemer and Saviour of a fallen world. But it was eminently the service of our beloved brother to preach Him in His fullness; and through His grace he was enabled to do so in demonstration of the Spirit and of power. Thus was he, at this time of severe trial, an instrument in the Lord's hand in turning some from darkness to light; in confirming

and establishing others, who were doubting or fearful; and of comforting and strengthening many who were bearing heavy burdens in the heat of the day. After returning from this visit in 1831, he resided within the limits of Berwick and Dover Monthly Meetings, often traveling, with the approbation of Friends, in the service of Truth, until the spring of 1837, when he removed to live within the limits of Providence Monthly Meeting, where he continued afterwards to reside; and it is especially to his devoted life and gospel labors, during this period, that we are engaged to bear our testimony, and to commemorate the sanctifying and strengthening power of that Grace, which so operated in him as to enable him skillfully to divide the word, and to preach, with power, the Gospel of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

Having given himself to the service of his Divine Master, he cheerfully yielded to His requirements; and, in the obedience of faith, again and again left his home to discharge his religious duty to his fellow men.

In the 10th month, 1841, he laid before his friends a concern, which for several years had rested upon his mind, to visit in Gospel love, most of the tribes of Indians which have removed west of the Mississippi; and to hold religious meetings among them, to visit those Friends who are situated within the limits of what was then the territory of Iowa, to attend the Yearly Meeting of Indiana, and most of the Quarterly, and some of the other Meetings belonging thereto; and also for religious service within the limits of Ohio Yearly Meeting; appointing Meetings among Friends and others. This weighty engagement of our dear friend, received the full unity of the Monthly and Quarterly Meetings, and he was liberated to pursue his prospect. He soon after left home, proceeding first to Washington, where he received documents from those officers of the Federal Government to whom the interest of the Indians are specially confided; commending him to the attention and aid of those in authority with whom he might meet.

In the 10th month, 1842, he returned the certificate granted

him, with the information that he had been enabled to accomplish the weighty service which he had in prospect, to the relief and comfort of his mind; and presenting divers minutes from Meetings he had visited, expressive of their satisfaction with his company, and that his Gospel ministry had been "sound and edifying."

During several succeeding years, he was often liberated for religious service within the limits of different Yearly Meetings on this continent, and was favored to attend to his apprehended duty, to his own peace, and to the satisfaction and comfort of Friends.

In the 3d month, 1850, he believed it his duty to spread before his Friends, a concern, which for many years had rested on his mind, to visit, in the love of our dear Redeemer, the Meetings of Friends in Great Britain and Ireland, and to appoint Meetings among Friends and others; and also to visit some places and hold some meetings on the continent of Europe. This extensive and important religious engagement, claimed the solid and deliberate consideration of his Monthly and Quarterly Meetings, and of the Yearly Meeting of Ministers and Elders, and received their full and cordial unity; and his beloved wife, our dear friend Elizabeth Meader, having a similar concern, was in like manner, liberated with the full unity of Friends; and, in the 8th month, they embarked for England, with, we believe, the prayers of the church for their safe guidance and preservation. In relation to this religious service, it may only be necessary for us to say, that we have abundant evidence that their Gospel labors were well received by those among whom their lot was cast; both in Great Britain and Ireland, and on the European continent; and, having been favored to accomplish the service they believed required of them by Him who called them to the work, they were restored to us in the 11th mo. 1851, in the enjoyment of that peace which results alone from faithful obedience to the gracious Head of the Church.

After his return from Europe, our dear Friend John Meader

remained peacefully at home, with the exception of some religious service within our own Yearly Meeting and attending New York Yearly meeting in 1856, until the 7th month, 1857, when he received a certificate of the unity and encouragement of his Monthly and Quarterly Meetings to pursue his prospect of attending the Yearly Meetings of Ohio and Indiana, and for religious service within their limits, and also some portions of New York Yearly Meeting; which he was enabled satisfactorily to accomplish. In the 7th month, 1858, he was liberated for the last time, for religious service within several of the Quarterly Meetings in this Yearly Meeting, and also to attend the Yearly Meeting of Baltimore; all of which he was favored to perform, to the entire relief and peace of his mind. His religious services abroad appeared now to have been accomplished, except that he occasionally attended some Meetings as they came in course, out of the limits of our Quarterly Meeting; but he was constant in the attendance of Meetings at home, and was frequently engaged to declare the way of salvation through a crucified and risen Lord; and with much power, through the unction of the Holy Spirit, to call all to come and be partakers of the unsearchable riches of Christ.

On the 28th of 3d month, 1860, he attended our Monthly Meeting, and was largely engaged in preaching the Gospel; after which, near the close of the Meeting, he arose the second time, and, asking his friends to bear with him, as, peradventure, it might be the last opportunity he might ever have with them, proceeded very sweetly and earnestly to entreat Friends to remember the solemn importance to us of meeting together for the public worship of our Father in Heaven; and when we had been favored to know something of His love shed abroad in our hearts, and our spirits raised in prayer and praise to Him, to be careful not to dissipate these solemn feelings and impressions of heavenly good, by entering too readily into social converse, and turning our attention to the frivolous things that pertain only to the present life.

We were aware that he was in feeble health, a harrassing

cough, giving evidence of pulmonary disease; but we were in no wise prepared to realize that this was the last time we should be favored with his company,—that we should no more hear the messages of Gospel love which he had so often communicated, nor again receive the benefit of his suggestions and counsel in the exercise of the Discipline of the Church; in the right support of which he had always manifested the deepest interest. But thus it was appointed;—and the solemn impression upon his own mind, that we should see his face no more in our religious assemblies, proved to be the will of Him who ordereth all things in perfect wisdom.

We have now glanced at the life of our dear friend, and briefly referred to his religious course from the time when, at the early age of eighteen years, he first publicly espoused the cause of the dear Redeemer; and have seen with how much faithfulness he devoted a large portion of his time to the service of the Church, and to promote the cause of righteousness in the earth. While naturally of an ardent temperament, and subject to the like passions of his fellow men, we have seen that through the controlling power of grace, and the gentle, yet constraining influences of the Holy Spirit, the strong man was brought low, and his talents sanctified to the Master's service.

We come now to view him on the bed of death. Soon after attending the Meeting last referred to, he was careful to make final arrangements as to his temporal concerns, and in a very solemn interview with his wife and only son, he informed them that he believed his work on earth was now nearly accomplished, and imparted to them all the consolation and the counsel with which his heart was filled;—and even spoke of his funeral, giving such directions in regard to it, as he wished to be observed. He had hoped to be able to attend our approaching Yearly Meeting, and once more to mingle with his friends with whom he had so often had precious Christian enjoyment, and his mind was especially drawn to the Yearly Meeting of Ministers, and Elders;—and for his relief he indited a communication to that Meeting, which he

entrusted to a friend, to be presented to Friends when assembled, if way should open for it. This Christian salutation was as from one speaking from the dead, (his decease having taken place previously to the holding of the Yearly Meeting,) and was cordially received, and placed upon record. It is as follows, viz:—

“ If some easy and convenient way should open for it, I desire my dear love conveyed to the Yearly Meeting of Ministers and Elders, where my spirit has so many times been refreshed and comforted with my beloved friends; and I desire them to know that, as I have endeavored to live in the faith and hope of the Gospel, so I desire to die in the same blessed faith and hope. In prospect of the solemn change that awaits me, my heart is often turned with deep and affectionate interest to those beloved friends engaged in the work and service of the ministry, especially those who are young, or who have not had much enlargement in the Truth, that these may be kept low and humble, in a waiting frame of mind, in all our religious meetings, and that the exercise of the ministry may be in that ability which God giveth,—in the power and authority of the unchangeable Truth, out of all their own planning, or the arrangement of the creature; that what any offer as ministry may be in the power of the Lord Jesus through the influence of the Holy Spirit; and let all wait upon their several gifts and upon Him who hath bestowed them. This will keep and preserve them in love and harmony, enabling them to labor harmoniously together for the advancement of the Truth. And now let me warn my dear friends against the activity of the creature, in their religious engagements, or attempting to elucidate or explain the great and glorious doctrines of the Gospel of Jesus, so as to be received by the natural mind, unless clearly accompanied with the precious influence of the Holy Spirit; and always to remember, that, if the word shall prosper, our blessed Saviour must open the way for its reception in the heart of the hearer. With the salutation of unfeigned love, I am your friend and brother.”

Much might be said in relation to the short time that he now remained in a state of mutability; and most instructive, confirming and encouraging were his expressions, and the evidence afforded, of the sustaining power of Divine Grace in the approach of death. To many friends who visited him, he often expressed his sense of his entire unworthiness,—that it was wholly in the mercy of God in Christ Jesus, that his hope and trust were placed, and glorious and sustaining was the evidence now given him, that he was not forsaken,—that, in the Beloved, he would be accepted: he asked only for the lowest seat in Heaven. He again and again gave utterance to a fear that he was not sufficiently thankful for the favors he was enjoying, for the foretaste given him of the good things in store for him,—and all through unmerited mercy. He spoke of the decay of the body and the pains attending it, as not worthy of a thought, while such sweet peace was given him by the blessed Redeemer,—such evidence of soon being permitted to partake of the joys of heaven. In speaking with a Christian friend, of the efficacy of grace to sustain in a dying hour, and of the sensible presence of Jesus graciously afforded him, he says, “I once thought that the passage through the valley was to be feared, but I do not think so now. While the world and all therein is receding, the vail, at times, is so lifted, that I am favored, in degree, to see the beauty of the celestial city.”

To another friend he remarked, after speaking of his sense of his unworthiness, and that he viewed all that he had done, and the sacrifices he had made, as nothing, and of no account: “It is all of mercy, that I am so peaceful. Give God the glory. I am receiving an hundred fold in this world, and have the most merciful evidence, that through the redeeming blood of Christ, life everlasting will be granted me in the world to come.”

Perhaps it is not often given to the Christian to have so unclouded a prospect of an entrance into the mansions prepared for the righteous; and none could more fully realize than we believe our beloved friend did, that it was all of sov-

ereign grace,—no merits of his own. He loved the Saviour. He had been engaged to keep His commandments,—to do His will; and now this Saviour was very near. The valley through which he was to pass, as he emphatically expressed it, “was not dark; it seemed pleasant.” For several days, he appeared to be passing through this valley of death, retaining his consciousness, with often a radiant smile upon his countenance, and so long as he could articulate, bearing testimony to the goodness and mercy extended to him. On the 7th of 6th month, 1860, the spirit was gently released from its earthly tenement, and, we reverently believe, was united to the sanctified that surround the Throne, whose robes have been washed and made white in the blood of the Lamb.

We desire, in bearing this testimony concerning our dear brother, in no wise to extol the man; but to invite survivors to behold in him the efficacy of Divine Grace—to turn them to the unfailing foundation of the prophets and apostles, Jesus Christ, the Rock of Ages; to encourage all to give themselves unto His service, that, in the end, they too may be mercifully favored to rest on the Saviour’s arm and be accepted in Him. “Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord.”

Signed on behalf and by direction of Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends, held 1st month 30th, 1861.

SAMUEL AUSTIN, } Clerks.
ANNA T. DENNIS, }

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends, held at Providence, 2d month 7th, 1861:—

A testimony from Providence Monthly Meeting, concerning our late beloved friend, John Meader, was presented at this time, and being read and approved, was directed to be forwarded to the Meeting for Sufferings.

Signed by direction of the Meeting.

GILBERT CONGDON, } Clerks.
MARY A. SMITH, }

JOSEPH DAVIS.

Testimony of New Bedford Monthly Meeting, concerning Joseph Davis.

In the removal of a dear friend, whose walk among men has been a beautiful example of the quiet, unobtrusive life of an humble follower of the meek and lowly Jesus, we have felt it required of us to bear testimony to that grace by which he was enabled so to walk, and to acquit himself of the service laid upon him, to the peace of his mind, and to the comfort and edification of the church.

Joseph Davis, the subject of this memoir, was the son of James and Deborah Davis, and was born in New Bedford, in the seventh month, 1786. He was, from early life, disinclined to take any very active part in worldly pursuits, being best satisfied with a moderate income, produced by such exertion as would leave time and opportunity for that quietude of mind which was suited to his feelings. He was exemplary in the relations of life; conscientious in his dealings with his fellow men, and consistent in his Christian walk as a member of our religious society. But the trait by which he was most strongly marked, was the gentleness and simplicity of his character which was manifested in all his intercourse with those about him. Free of guile himself in a remarkable degree, and having been made a rich partaker of heavenly love, his heart abounded with love and good will toward all men, as equally objects of the same redeeming mercy. He was sincerely attached to the testimonies of our religious society, from a conviction that they were founded in the truth, and was convinced that it was his duty to conform thereto. He was very constant in the attendance of our religious meetings, and, when assembled with us, the quiet solemnity of his counte-

nance, and the evident fervor of his spirit, were sources of comfort and encouragement to his brethren. In short, we feel, in contemplating his instructive life, that we may, with reference to our departed friend, adopt the language of the apostle, that in simplicity and godly sincerity, not with fleshly wisdom, but by the grace of God, he had his conversation in the world.

About the year 1828, he first appeared in the ministry, not long after the decease of his venerated father, and faithfully occupying the gift, through the grace given unto him, his ministry was acknowledged by Friends, in the year 1833. In the exercise of his gift, he travelled but little from home, his service being mostly confined to his own meetings, or their immediate neighborhood.

His ministry was sound and edifying. His exhortations fervent, breathing out the feelings of his own devout mind, desiring that others might come to enjoy that peace which he felt to be so blessed,—that all might “taste and see that the Lord is good.” He was remarkably prompt and ready in his devotional exercises; his mind seemed to be so constantly attuned to the heavenly melody, that he was in readiness to receive the divine commission, and no unnecessary delay prevented the timely delivery of the gospel message. In his communications he was generally concise, being favored, as we believe, to mind, with great propriety, the limitations as well as the openings of the Holy Spirit.

Thus he continued to the close,—minding his own proper business,—concerned for the glory of God and the welfare of his brethren,—and finally departed this life, while his perceptions were yet clear and his mind unimpaired, in the full enjoyment of that peace which is the gift of our Heavenly Father to those that are engaged to do His will.

His death, which took place on the 14th of 3d month, 1860, was in accordance with his quiet, well-spent life; being taken away without apparent pain or suffering, and admitted, as we may humbly trust, to the blessed mansions, to unite with the

ransomed of all generations, with whom his spirit, even while on earth, was so much in unison, in thanksgiving and praise unto our God and unto the Lamb forever and ever.

Signed on behalf and by direction of New Bedford Monthly Meeting, held 3d month 28th, 1861,

CHARLES R. TUCKER, }
DORCAS F. TUCKER, } Clerks.

At Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of Friends, held at New Bedford, 4th month, 4th, 1861, a testimony of New Bedford Monthly Meeting, concerning our late beloved friend, Joseph Davis, was read in this meeting, and being approved, was directed to be forwarded to the Meeting for Sufferings.

Attest: WILLIAM C. TABER, }
SARAH H. ANTHONY, } Clerks.

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At the Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England, held on Rhode Island, commencing with public meetings for worship at Newport and Portsmouth, on first day the 15th, and for discipline at Newport, on second day morning, the 16th of 6th month, 1862.

By the Reports received from the Quarterly Meetings it appears that the following Friends have been appointed Representatives to this Meeting, viz:

From RHODE ISLAND—David Buffum, Samuel Gifford, Joseph Metcalf, Gilbert Congdon, Timothy C. Collins, Perez Peck, William Richardson and Obadiah Chase.

From SALEM—Nathan Breed, of Lynn, Stephen A. Chase, Moses Huntington, Daniel Beede, Nathan Breed, of Weare, and John Page.

From SANDWICH—Samuel Rodman, William C. Taber, Nathan T. Shepherd, Newell Hoxie, David Kelley, Benjamin Potter, Thomas Macy, Matthew Howland and Charles R. Tucker.

From FALMOUTH—Henry M. Minott, Stephen Cartland, Abram Winslow, Joshua Cobb, Charles Nichols and Ezekiel Varney, Jr.

From SMITHFIELD — Richard Battey, Edward Earle, Greely Dow, Anthony Chase and Thomas Grover.

From VASSALBORO' — Stephen Jones, Thomas B. Nichols, Hartwell A. Jenkins, John D. Lang, James Van Blarcom, John Moulton, Timothy Hanson and Eli Jones.

From DOVER — Jesse Roberts, Joseph Brackett, Moses Roberts and Oliver Meader.

From FAIRFIELD — George Richardson, Alden Sampson, Moses Bailey, Elijah Pope and Silas E. Hoxie,—

whose names being called, they were all present except two, for whose absence sufficient reasons were assigned.

Having, at this Meeting, the acceptable company of our beloved friend William Green, from Ireland, satisfactory certificates were received from the Monthly Meeting of Lisburn, in Ireland, held the 13th of the 2d month, 1862, the Quarterly Meeting for the Province of Ulster, held at Lisburn, Ireland, the 3d of 3d month, 1862, and the Yearly Meeting of Ministers and Elders for Ireland, held in Dublin the 26th of 4th month, and by adjournment on the 3d of 5th month, 1862, expressing unity with him as a Minister sound in doctrine, and in the faith of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, and with his present religious engagement.

We have also, at this Meeting, the acceptable company of our beloved friend William G. Johnson, of Plainfield Monthly Meeting, Western Yearly Meeting; Joseph Hobson, of Gilead Monthly Meeting, Ohio; John Henry Douglass, of Dover Monthly Meeting, Indiana Yearly Meeting; Abraham Morris, of Gilead Monthly Meeting; Phebe Ann Sands, of Amawalk Monthly Meeting, New York, and Mary H. Thomas, of Scipio Monthly Meeting, New York, and satisfactory certificates from their respective Meetings, expressive of unity with them as Ministers and with their present religious engagements, were received and read.

Our beloved friend, John M. Macy, from Hopewell Monthly Meeting, companion to our friend William G. Johnson; Eli Harvey, of Springfield Monthly Meeting, companion to our friend John Henry Douglass; John J. Thomas, accompanying his wife Mary H. Thomas, and Jacob Mekeel, of Amawalk Monthly Meeting, New York, being now with us, satisfactory testimonials from their several Meetings, expressive of unity with them as Elders and with their present engagements, were received.

We have also, at this Meeting, the acceptable company of our dear friend Isaac Stanly, companion to our friend Joseph Hobson; Isaac Mekeel, who is in company with our friend Jacob Mekeel; Abby W. Underhill, companion to our friend Phebe Ann Sands, and Mehitable J. Morris accompanying her husband Abraham Morris, and satisfactory minutes from their respective meetings, expressing unity with them as members and with their present engagements, were received and read.

The London printed Epistle of last year has been received and now read; and we trust it is to our edification as well as comfort. We desire that all our members may have it in their possession, and carefully read and ponder it; and thus commending it to our individual attention, we appoint our friends William A. Robinson and Matthew Howland, to place in the hands of the Representatives a reprint of three thousand five hundred copies, to be conveyed to our subordinate Meetings and members.

Epistles from our dear brethren of London, Dublin, New York, Baltimore, Ohio, Indiana and Western Yearly Meetings were now received, and in their reading, our beloved friends were brought very near to us in Christian love; and we appoint the following friends to take these communications into consideration, and as the way opens for it, prepare essays of epistles to those several Meetings, and also one to our dear friends of the Yearly Meeting of North Carolina, from whom we have received no communication at the present

time, on account, as we believe, of the difficulty of transmitting documents to us from that part of our country, in consequence of the interruptions occasioned by the lamentable war existing in our land; and for our dear brethren of that Yearly Meeting, in their present trials, our sympathy is warmly enlisted.—viz: Stephen A. Chase, Joseph Metcalf, John D. Lang, Samuel Boyce, John Page, Samuel Boyd Tobey, George Richardson, Henry T. Wood, William C. Taber, Newell Hoxie, David Buffum, Eli Jones, Obadiah Chase, Moses H. Beede, James Van Blarcom, Gilbert Congdon, William A. Robinson, Thomas Folsom, Charles F. Coffin, David K. Akin, Jonathan L. Slo. cum, George L. Collins, Timothy K. Earle, John Milton Earle, Richard Battey, Joseph Hoag, Newell Ordway and Thomas B. Nichols.

An acceptable communication from London Yearly Meeting to Friends in North America, on the subject of the war in the United States, was received, with the information from the correspondents that it came to hand soon after the rise of our last Yearly Meeting, and that they caused twenty-five hundred copies to be reprinted and distributed among friends. The action of the correspondents in this respect is approved by us.

The Clerk informs that he has received a copy of the "Christian Doctrine, Practice and Discipline of the Society of Friends," presented to this Yearly Meeting by the Meeting for Sufferings of Friends in London, 1862, which he is requested to acknowledge as acceptable, in a P. S. to the Epistle to London Yearly Meeting, and place it in the Yearly Meeting's chest of books and papers at Providence.

The Quarterly Meetings report that they have given attention to the payment into our Treasury of the amount called for by this Meeting last year, and we appoint our friends William A. Robinson, Micajah C. Pratt, William Gifford, Henry M. Minott, Anthony Chase, Ebenezer Frye, Amos D. Purinton, and Charles M. Bailey, to audit the Treasurer's ac-

count, propose a sum proper to be raised for this Meeting the present year, and the name of a friend for Treasurer, and report to a future sitting.

By the Report from the Quarterly Meetings, it appears that *Rhode-Island* has united with Greenwich Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Solomon R. Knowles to the station of Elder, with Providence Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Gideon C. Smith, James Dennis and Anna T. Dennis, and with Swanzey Monthly Meeting, in the appointment of William Chace to the same station—also, that Thomas S. Gifford, an Elder and member of Swanzey Monthly Meeting, died 12th month 24th, 1861, aged 50 years, 5 months and 4 days.

Salem informs that Solomon Varney, a member of Salem Monthly Meeting, in the station of Elder, deceased the 15th of 6th month, 1861, aged 81 years; that Robert Brown, an Elder, and member of Seabrook Monthly Meeting, deceased the 24th of 1st month, 1862, aged 81 years 4 months and 20 days; and that Abigail Peasley, also an Elder and member of that meeting, died 1st month, 28th, 1862, aged 53 years and 4 months; that Joshua Page, an Elder and member of Weare Monthly Meeting, deceased the 8th of 3d month, 1862, aged 59 years, 10 months and 2 days.

Sandwich informs us that it has united with Sandwich Monthly Meeting in acknowledging the gift, and approving the public ministry of Elizabeth C. Wing—and that Abigail Davis, a Minister and member of New-Bedford Monthly Meeting, deceased 3d month 1st, 1862, aged nearly 80 years.

Falmouth reports that it has united with Windham Monthly Meeting, in the appointment of Sarah B. Jones and Mercy Lowell, to the station of Elder, and that Lois Beal, an Elder and member of Durham Monthly Meeting, died 4th month 16th, 1862, aged 63 years and 4 months.

Smithfield reports the decease of Rowland Rathbun, the 21st of 10th month, 1861, aged 85 years, 1 month and 21 days; and of John Osborne, the 28th of 4th month, 1862, aged 78 years, 2 months and 11 days, both Elders and members of Smithfield Monthly Meeting.

Vassalboro gives the information that it has united with China Monthly Meeting, in acknowledging the gift and approving the public appearances in the Ministry, of Sarah Ellen Jones and Desire D. Abbott, and with Unity Monthly Meeting, in the appointment of Timothy Hanson, Almira S. Hanson and Mary W. Brown, to the station of Elder.

Dover informs that Benajah Buffum, an Elder and member of Berwick Monthly Meeting, deceased 8th month, 29th, 1861, aged 68 years, 6 months and 14 days; and *Fairfield* reports the death of Elizabeth Bowerman, an Elder and member of Sidney Monthly Meeting, the 7th of 4th month, 1862, aged 92 years, 3 months and ten days.

Adjourned to 4 o'clock this afternoon.

Afternoon, met pursuant to adjournment.

David Buffum, on behalf of the Representatives, reported that they were united in proposing Samuel Boyd Tobey for Clerk, and Charles R. Tucker for Assistant Clerk of this Meeting for the ensuing year, which, being approved, they are accordingly appointed to those stations.

The Records of this Meeting for the last year were now read.

The Report of the Boarding School Committee was presented and read, and it is satisfactory to this Meeting, and the friends now under appointment are continued for the ensuing year, to unite with a similar Committee of the Women's Meeting in superintending the school as heretofore, and desired to report to us next year.

"TO THE YEARLY MEETING.

The Boarding School Committee report: That they have given attention to their appointment, during the past year, and feel justified in stating, that the various concerns of the Institution have been conducted in a satisfactory manner.

For the Summer term, 83 scholars were admitted, viz. 53 males and 30 females; and for the winter term 119, viz. 74 males, and 45 females.

The officers of the school have been, Albert K. Smiley and Eliza P. Smiley, Principals; Alfred H. Smiley, Associate Principal; John F. Rowell, Rebecca H. Smiley and Ruth P. Nichols, Teachers of English branches; Rufus Read, Teacher of Mathematics; Charles R. Paine, Assistant teacher of Greek and Latin; Alfred Gaudelet, teacher of French; Mary A. Potter, teacher of Drawing.

The health of the family and pupils has been good, which, under the divine blessing, we believe may in part be attributed to well directed gymnastic exercises which have been systematically pursued.

During the past winter, meetings for divine worship have been satisfactorily held in the school house, on first day mornings, and on first day afternoons, and in the middle of the week the meetings of Friends in the city have been attended.

The accounts of the Institution having been examined, show the following result for the past year.

The receipts for tuition, &c. with \$3800 from the income of the permanent fund, have paid the expenses of the school. The remainder of the income has been applied to the payment of interest, insurance, &c., and the liquidation of the debt, (\$1500) leaving the Institution free of indebtedness, and a balance of \$50.15 in the hands of the Treasurer.

A pretty large expenditure is now required in the outside painting of the buildings in order for their preservation, but we trust this may be made without involving the Institution in any indebtedness.

We propose that the terms commence and continue as last year, and that the charges remain the same, viz. \$40 per term, for members of our Yearly Meeting; \$60 for members of other Yearly Meetings, and where one or both parents are members of our religious society, or the scholars are sent at the charge and expense of such members; and \$100 for any others, payable in advance. And that \$5, additional charge, continue to be made for instruction, either in the ancient languages, in French or in Drawing, and that books and stationery be furnished at the same price as heretofore.

We again call attention to the "Regulations of the School Committee," which have been approved by the Yearly Meeting and are hereunto annexed.

Signed on behalf of the School Committee,
GILBERT CONGDON, Clerk.

Providence, 5th mo. 6th, 1862."

REGULATIONS OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

"As the number to be admitted is limited to eighty of each sex, it will be necessary that the committee should be seasonably informed of all in this Yearly Meeting that desire to occupy places in the school, in order that they may determine how many others, if any, may be received.

Application should therefore be made for members of our Yearly Meeting, seasonably to be laid before the committee at their meetings to be held in the 3d and 9th Months—as heretofore determined by the Yearly Meeting.

At these meetings, applications for the admission of members of our Yearly Meeting will have precedence of all others.

After this time, applications for the admission of scholars, will be considered in the order in which they are made.

Monthly Meetings desirous of occupying the privilege of the Charitable fund, are requested to send their applications as heretofore, in season for the meeting of the committee in the 9th month, and to specify whether they desire it during the winter or succeeding summer term. And friends are requested to observe the various regulations adopted by the Yearly Meeting, in order for admission of scholars into the school.

It is desired that payment for each term be made in advance.

It is expected that scholars will be at the school punctually at the commencement of the term; but if circumstances occur to prevent such attendance, notice is to be forwarded to the Principals, within one week of that time, stating whether or not their places are desired to be reserved for them. A failure to attend the school, or to give the notice above specified shall be considered a relinquishment of the privilege, unless again admitted by the committee; and in all cases of children being admitted for the term, and attending the school, it is expected that payment will be made for the term.

Friends of pupils, and others, visitiug the school, will in future be expected to defray the expense arising therefrom to the Institution.

Application for admission into the school, and for the benefit of the Charitable Fund, is to be made to the Principals.

Address, ALBERT K. SMILEY,

Principal Friends Boarding School, Providence, R. I.

[Committee.—Samuel Boyd Tobey, Gilbert Congdon, William C. Taber, Samuel Taylor Samuel Boyce, Gideon C. Smith, George Howland Jr., Samuel Austin, Charles R. Tucker,

David Buffum, Stephen A. Chase, William A. Robinson and John D. Lang.

Susan Howland, Lydia Congdon, Sarah F. Tobey, Ann Elmira Lang, Eliza B. Boyce, Mary A. Smith, Lydia H. Jones, Dorcas F. Tucker, Rachel S. Howland, Sarah T. Sampson, Ann B. Earle and Anna T. Dennis.]

We appoint our friends, Jonathan L. Slocum, Moses F. Rogers, Newell Hoxie, George Douglass, Richard Battey, William A. Jones, Isaiah Frye and George Richardson, to prepare a summary of the answers to the queries now received from the Quarterly Meetings, and present it at our next sitting.

Adjourned to 10 o'clock to-morrow morning.

THIRD DAY MORNING, the 17th, the Meeting assembled pursuant to adjournment. Representatives present except three.

The Meeting now entered upon a consideration of the state of Society, by reading the queries and answers, under, we believe, a sense of the solemn importance of the service, and, we trust, with a covering of divine good spread over us. The want of the due attendance of our religious meetings, always so apparent in this review of our condition, was manifest at this time in the answers now presented. The duty of meeting to worship Almighty God was feelingly brought to view, and the language of encouragement to greater faithfulness was freely offered. It was earnestly pressed upon us to examine ourselves, and prayerfully to seek for help to discharge what is required at our hands in relation to this important service,—to sympathize with those in the younger walks of life, and to show them the preciousness of the privilege of meeting together in the name of Christ, with the blessed assurance that His presence will be with us, if we really love him, and are engaged to serve Him. Friends were earnestly entreated to seek for ability to meet in the name of the Lord, looking unto Him for help, that our meetings might prove seasons of brokenness and of refreshment; and that beholders

might be brought to feel and acknowledge that these are opportunities to be sought, desirable for all and attractive to all; and that we shall know, in measure, our experience to be like that of David, when he declares, "I was glad when they said unto me, let us go into the house of the Lord." The old and the young were entreated to go up together to worship our Heavenly Father, to be partakers together of His blessings, without which we must utterly perish. A sense of our dependence, and of the matchless love of our blessed Redeemer, cannot fail to soften our hearts, to fill them with gratitude, and to cause us to rejoice in offering unto Him such sacrifices as He will accept.

Having proceeded to the reading of the third query and answer, inclusive, the Meeting adjourned to 4 o'clock this afternoon.

At the appointed hour, Friends again assembled, and proceeded with the remaining queries and answers.

During the engagement of this Meeting in receiving the account of the state of Society, as set forth in the answers to the queries, we have been brought into a lively concern for the health of our religious body, and much tender and pertinent counsel has been offered. The plain, practical duty of the daily reading of a portion of Holy Scripture, was feelingly adverted to, and Friends were tenderly encouraged to be faithful in its observance, with their families collected about them. Sympathy was expressed for those who may have been deterred from this practice by a fearfulness of their ability rightly to engage in it; but these were exhorted to remember that it was a blessed *privilege*, as well as a duty, to advert daily to the precious contents of that volume, given by inspiration of God, and which direct us in the discharge of the practical duties of life, as well as make wise unto salvation, through faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. A little portion of time every day,—perhaps either at the commencement or close of the morning meal,—spent in this interesting engagement, performed in simplicity, and with a suitable time of

solemn silence, it is believed, will be blessed to those who observe it, and a little strength will be afforded, that may be sustaining in the trials and temptations of the ensuing day.

While engaged in the review of the state of Society, the vital importance of the right performance of the duty alluded to in the tenth query, was brought impressively before us, and we were feelingly reminded of the course prescribed in the Gospel, upon which our discipline is founded.

First, let the labor with an offending brother be between him and thee alone—then two or three may engage in the work; and if this be unavailing, the aid of the Church may be rightly invoked to exercise its authority, in the spirit of meekness and wisdom. A committee is to be appointed, free from prejudice, moving in the fear of God and in the love of Christ, to labor, in this love and in tenderness, to show the offender the error of his way, and to restore him to the right path; and if all this prove unavailing, then may the Church testify against his evil way, and, for the sake of the cause of Truth, dissolve his connection with our religious body. This course is according to the discipline and usage of our Society; and it is the sense and judgment of this Meeting, that the case must be of a very flagrant nature, in which the Truth would greatly suffer by delay, to justify a more summary proceeding. Friends are entreated to be sure that no root of bitterness exists in their own hearts,—a fatal disqualification for doing good to others. No one can tell how abundant may be the fruits of the labor, bestowed in the love and under the influence of the spirit of Christ, whether they are immediately manifested, or gathered after many days. “Brethren, if a man be overtaken in a fault, ye that are spiritual, restore such an one in the spirit of meekness, considering thyself, lest thou, also, be tempted.”

The Clerk is requested to forward this Minute to subordinate Meetings, to be observed by them.

The following is a summary of the answers received :

GENERAL ANSWERS.

1st. All our Meetings for religious worship and discipline have been attended, except nineteen specified in the accounts; these being very small Meetings, and their attendance being prevented by sufficient causes assigned; and one account states, "A few instances in three small Meetings." Those on First day generally by the greater portion of our members. Meetings in the middle of the week frequently small; and one account says, "A few seldom attend any of our Meetings." The hour nearly observed. Mostly clear of unbecoming behavior, a few instances of sleeping excepted. All the accounts, except two, state that care has been taken in the above deficiencies.

2d. Love and unity appear to be, in a good degree, maintained, except in a few instances. Detraction mostly guarded against. Care has been taken to end differences when they have appeared.

3d. Friends are not all as careful in regard to plainness of speech, behavior, and apparel, as would be best. Generally careful to restrain from pernicious reading and corrupt conversation. Mostly good examples herein themselves. We believe the Holy Scriptures are frequently read in Friends' families.

4th. The use of spirituous liquors appears to be confined to medicinal purposes, with four or five exceptions; in three of which, labor has been extended. The unnecessary frequenting of taverns and places of public resort, mostly avoided. Moderation and temperance are observed on the occasions referred to.

5th. The circumstances of the poor are inspected, and their necessities relieved. Their children partake of learning. None placed out from among Friends.

6th. Our Discipline, in these respects, appears to be maintained, except seven cases of keeping company, with reference to marriage, with those not in membership with us, and eleven instances of marrying contrary to discipline;—some care taken.

7th. A few are not as careful in the maintenance of our testimony to a free Gospel Ministry as is queried after. Several instances of a military nature are reported in most of

the accounts, some of which are under notice. Clear, as regards the other parts of this query.

8th. Friends are generally careful to inspect their affairs and settle their accounts, punctual to their promises, just in the payment of their debts, and endeavor to live within the bounds of their circumstances.

9th. Generally careful as to records. A few removals without certificates, most of which are under notice.

10th. Care has been taken to deal with offenders, yet two accounts state, not, at all times, as seasonably as would be best. Judgment, when placed, has, we believe, been according to discipline.

Adjourned to 10 o'clock to-morrow morning.

FOURTH DAY MORNING, the 18th. Friends assembled pursuant to adjournment. Representatives present except four.

The Committee on the concern of this Meeting for the Penobscot and Passamaquoddy Indians made the following report, which, with interesting verbal statements by members of the Committee, is very satisfactory; and we are encouraged in the belief that our efforts for the good of these people are acceptable and useful to them; and the Friends now under appointment, with the addition of our Friends, George Richardson and Joseph Estes, are continued for another year, and desired to give such attention to this interesting concern as way may open for, and report to this Meeting next year. The Committee are authorized to draw on our Treasurer for fifty dollars, should they deem it expedient to do so, and appropriate it in their discretion, for the benefit of the Indians, and we desire that the Passamaquoddy Tribe may receive such notice as the Committee may be able to give.

“TO THE YEARLY MEETING.

The Committee intrusted with the concern of the Yearly Meeting, in relation to the Penobscot and Passamaquoddy Indians, report:—

That the former tribe has been visited by two of our number. They seemed very glad to see us, and with much confi-

dence, told us of their affairs. We find this tribe numbers about five hundred; there are about one hundred and fifty men capable of labor; of these, about one hundred are engaged in agriculture during the summer season. They are gradually becoming expert in holding the plow, and some of them might be called good farmers. They own 146 islands in the Penobscot river, containing an area of 4,482 acres. They cultivate nearly 1,000, including their mowing lands.

Their school on Oldtown island was in operation 17 weeks, last summer; whole number in attendance, 37; average, 26. Another school farther up the river, at Lincoln, was open for 14 weeks; whole number in attendance, 18; average, 12. About 100 of this tribe can read understandingly, and several of them can write a fair hand.

Way did not open to visit the Passamaquoddy Tribe; we learn, however, that they number 463, showing a slight increase since 1859. They have 73 children between 4 and 21 years of age; 67 of these have participated, to some extent, in the advantages of a well-conducted school, of several weeks continuance. Some one hundred and twenty do something at farming, and the number is increasing who turn their attention to this business pursuit.

It is without doubt, that cases of intemperance are less frequent among them than formerly; and a slow, but we believe a sure, improvement is apparent, and that a continuance of our care and concern may, under the Divine blessing, be for good to them.

JOHN D. LANG,	} On behalf of Committee.
ELI JONES,	
HENRY T. WOOD,	
JAMES VAN BLARCOM,	

Newport, 18th 6th mo., 1862."

[*Committee.*—John D. Lang, Stephen Jones, Joseph Taber, Nathan Douglas, Allen Wing, Caleb Nichols, Samuel Taylor, Eli Jones, Alfred H. Jones, Henry T. Wood, James Van Blarcom, George Richardson and Joseph Estes.]

The Records of the Meeting for Sufferings, for the past year, were laid before us and read, and the important and interesting proceedings of that Meeting were fully and cordially approved; and the clerk is requested to cause the

Memorial to the President, with his letter of reply, to be printed with our Minutes of the present year, for distribution among Friends; and the Friends now under appointment, with the exception of our late dear Friends, John Osborne, Benajah Buffum and Thomas S. Gifford, deceased, are continued for the present year, to constitute a Meeting for Sufferings, to act on our behalf on such subjects of interest to our religious Society as may, from time to time, properly come before that Meeting.

“TO ABRAHAM LINCOLN, PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES:—

Assembled for the discharge of the duties that devolve upon us as Representatives of the Society of Friends, in New England, we have not failed to be deeply concerned for our beloved country, and believe it right for us, with much respect, briefly to address the Head of the Government.

It is well known, that as a religious body, we have ever believed that all war is inconsistent with the teachings of the Prince of Peace, the Saviour of the world, the living King of kings and Lord of lords, at whose coming the angels sung the Heavenly anthem, ‘Glory to God in the highest, on earth peace, good will to men.’ And while steadfastly maintaining this doctrine wherever situated, and in some parts of the world enduring much suffering in its defence, we have ever been a loyal people, under whatever government placed, engaged to maintain the civil authority, not shrinking from any burden which its support might rightfully impose.

Upon the accession of President Lincoln to the high and very responsible place he now occupies, our sympathy for him was deep and sincere on account of the distracted condition of the nation,—several of the States denying the just powers of the General Government, and repudiating the allegiance due to it; and fervent have been our desires and prayers that the President might be engaged to seek that wisdom from on high, which directeth aright, and be strengthened to discharge his whole duty to God and his fellow men.

Of recent time, we were anxiously concerned in consequence of the attitude assumed by England towards the United States, indicating that the two countries might be involved in the fearful calamity of war with each other; and we trust the President will not deem it impertinent or obtrusive in us

to express our full approbation and grateful appreciation of the wise and dignified course pursued by him and his cabinet on that occasion.

It may be, that in our relation to foreign powers, in the present time of general excitement, future troubles may arise, the solution of which will require the exercise of much delicacy and forbearance, and we would most kindly and earnestly entreat our much respected President to use every means which becomes an enlightened Christian nation to preserve peace, and prevent the shedding of blood. And if in any case direct negotiation fail, that the question be referred to the decision of some disinterested tribunal, instead of resorting to the awful arbitrament of the sword. May the blessing of Heaven rest upon the President. May he find Divine guidance through the many difficulties in which he is involved, and at the close of his official duties, be enabled to review his course with the consciousness that he has been engaged, firmly and uprightly, in the fear of God, to do justice to all.

‘Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called the children of God.’

Signed on behalf and by direction of a Meeting of the Representatives of the Society of Friends for New England, held at Providence, Rhode Island, the 5th of second month, 1862.

SAMUEL BOYCE, Clerk.”

“EXECUTIVE MANSION, }
Washington, March 19, 1862. }

DR. SAMUEL BOYD TOBEY—

My Dear Sir:—

A domestic affliction, of which doubtless you are informed, has delayed me so long in making acknowledgment for the very kind and appropriate letter, signed on behalf and by direction of a Meeting of the Representatives of the Society of Friends for New England, held at Providence, Rhode Island, the 5th of the second month, 1862, by Samuel Boyce, clerk, and presented to me by yourself and associates.

Engaged, as I am, in a great war, I fear it will be difficult for the world to understand how fully I appreciate the principles of peace, inculcated in this letter, and everywhere by the Society of Friends.

Grateful to the good people you represent, for their prayers

in behalf of our common country, I look forward hopefully to an early end of war and return of peace.

Your obliged friend,

A. LINCOLN."

Members of Meeting for Sufferings:—

Daniel Buffum, Perez Peck, Joseph Metcalf, Samuel Boyd Tobey, John D. Lang, Samuel Taylor, Allen Wing, Samuel Boyce, Joseph Taber, of Albion, Timothy C. Collins, Thomas Harkness, Stephen Jones, David K. Akin, Stephen A. Chase, William Farr, William C. Taber, Tobias Meader, Micajah C. Pratt, Thomas Jones, George Howland, Jr., Alden Sampson, William A. Robinson, Stephen Beede, Gilbert Congdon, Richard Battey, Ebenezer Frye, Henry M. Minott, Elisha Jones, of Windham, John Page, Charles R. Tucker, Lemuel Gifford, Nathan Breed, of Lynn, Joseph Taylor, George Bowen, Newell Hoxie, David Kelly, Moses Huntington, Jr., and Edward Earle.

Adjourned to 4 o'clock this afternoon.

AFTERNOON. Met by adjournment.

The Committee on Correspondence is requested to prepare suitable minutes for Friends now in attendance from other Yearly Meetings, and present them at our next sitting.

Sandwich Quarterly Meeting proposes the appointment of Matthew Barney as correspondent of Nantucket Monthly Meeting, in place of our Friend, Cromwell Barnard, deceased; and Smithfield, the appointment of Isaac Steere as correspondent of Smithfield Monthly Meeting, in place of our Friend, John Osborne, deceased—address Burrillville, R. I.—with both of which appointments this Meeting unites.

The Committee on Education presented the following report, which is interesting to this Meeting; and in conformity with the suggestions contained therein, our Monthly Meetings are requested to appoint Committees to render their aid in procuring accurate statistical information, and by other proper means to assist the Committee in the fulfilment of the interesting and important concern of this Meeting, for the increase

of the number of First Day schools, and for the promotion of the religious and literary education of our dear youth and children, in conformity with our established order and Christian principles; and, also, in compliance with a suggestion in the report, for a new appointment of a Committee at the present time, the following Friends are requested to propose, at our next sitting, the names of suitable Friends to constitute this Committee—viz: Ellis Gifford, Obadiah Chace, John Henry Crossman, Thomas Folsom, Henry T. Wood, David Kelly, George Douglas, Joseph Cartland, Albert S. Payson, Richard Battey, William A. Jones, Eli Jones, Albert Buffum, Joseph Brackett, Moses Bailey, Levi Jones, George Richardson and Henry M. Minot.

“TO THE YEARLY MEETING.

The Committee on Education report that they have given attention to this interesting concern of the Yearly Meeting.

A sub-Committee from our number visited the Boarding School at Providence, and report that institution in a satisfactory condition.

The Oak Grove Seminary, under the care of Friends in Maine, has also been visited, and we believe that these schools are doing much to aid the children and youth among us, in acquiring a substantial and practical education.

First Day Schools have been in successful operation during part, or all of the year, in many localities, where Friends meetings are held.

For the number, length and general attendance of these schools, we refer to the following statistics:

Number of children in the Yearly Meeting between the ages of 5 and 15 years,	-	632
Number between 15 and 21 years,	-	487
Number of Monthly Meeting Schools,	-	2
“ “ Preparative Meeting Schools,	-	1
“ “ Family Schools,	-	5
The whole number attending school,	-	922
Number taught by Friends,	-	205
Number of Friends who have taught school the past year,	-	115
“ “ Members obtaining an education at Academies and Colleges,	-	13

Number of First Day Schools taught under the care of Friends, - - - -	33
The average continuance of these schools is about - - - -	7 months.
The whole number attending these schools -	902
Number of Friends connected with the same as teachers or scholars, - - - -	435
" " Bible classes apart from First Day Schools, - - - -	7
" " Friends attending Bible Classes,	133

We believe, though there may be little indication of it in the statistical information furnished, compared with that of last year, that there is an increasing interest in the subject of education among our members generally, and especially with our younger Friends who occupy the responsible relation of parents.

These feel, as their little ones gather around them, asking for intellectual and spiritual food, that they need *wisdom* to counsel and direct. They realize, as they have never done before, the importance of a *thorough* guarded education, that the moral and religious faculties of the mind, as well as the intellectual, should receive proper culture. They are beginning to appreciate, more fully, the inestimable value of the Holy Scriptures, as a powerful agency in their hands, for the elevation of themselves and those around them. They thankfully welcome the Bible as their *daily* companion, and, as they witness its elevating influence upon the family circle, their hearts become interested in the community around them, and, as a natural consequence, the First Day School is established. Nor does their interest end here; for there are of our members who are engaged in going from place to place, aiding in the establishment of these schools for Scriptural instruction.

But while the Committee are greatly encouraged by the individual faithfulness of many of our members, in promoting the cause of education in its broadest sense, they feel that as a Yearly Meeting, the Friends of New England have not done their whole duty; and would earnestly encourage them to more faithfulness in this respect.

We would recommend, at this time, the appointment of a new Committee by the Yearly Meeting, with the hope that an increased interest may be awakened upon this subject, of such vital importance to our beloved Society.

And we would further suggest, that it would materially aid

the Committee appointed by the Yearly Meeting on the interesting subject, if Monthly Meetings were to appoint Committees to collect statistics, encouraging the organization of First Day Schools in all of our Meetings, and to act in other respects in conjunction with the Yearly Meeting's Committee. And that the members of these several Committees, together with the members of the Yearly Meeting's Committee, resident within each Quarterly Meeting, meet at the time of holding the Quarterly Meeting preceding the Yearly Meeting, to prepare a report to be presented to the Committee on Education, when they meet at Newport.

On behalf of the Committee,

JOHN H. CROSSMAN, *Clerk.*

Newport, 6th month, 18th, 1862."

The Committee appointed by this Meeting, last year, to labor in restoring love within the limits of Falmouth Quarterly Meeting, presented the following report, and the evidence it affords of a faithful attention to their appointment is satisfactory to us; and with an earnest concern for the removal of everything that still hinders the free circulation of that love so entirely essential to the health of the body, the Friends now under appointment, viz.:—Samuel Boyd Tobey, Gilbert Congdon, Stephen A. Chase, Samuel Boyce, Isaac R. Gifford, John D. Lang, Newell Hoxie, John Page and Charles R. Tucker, are continued to constitute a Committee to act in our behalf in imparting to Meetings or individuals wherever, within our limits, it may appear necessary, in that ability which may be mercifully granted them, such advice and assistance as may tend to promote love and unity, and preserve the right order of the church.

"TO THE YEARLY MEETING.

We, your Committee appointed to labor in Falmouth Quarterly Meeting, for the restoration of love and unity and for the support of the cause of truth and right order in the church, report, that we have endeavored faithfully to attend to the important service deputed to us by the Yearly Meeting. All the Committee met at Portland, in the 10th month last, and

attended Falmouth Monthly Meeting, and a part of our number were at Falmouth Quarterly Meeting the following week. We were entirely united in issuing the subjoined advice to the Monthly Meeting, viz. :—

‘TO FALMOUTH MONTHLY MEETING :—

Dear Friends,—Having been appointed by the Yearly Meeting for the purposes expressed in the Minute which we herewith present, we come among you in much love and with fervent desires to promote the cause of truth and the welfare of our religious body. Under a deep and reverent sense of our dependence on the Great Head of the Church for a qualification to move in his service, we have, we trust, been engaged to look humbly unto Him for direction; and under a feeling of religious duty, we tenderly and earnestly advise every member of the Monthly Meeting carefully to abstain from every allusion to those subjects that have tended to produce the dissension and disunity which so unhappily exist among you; that everything like crimination and recrimination be strictly avoided; that great care be taken that the rights and privileges of no member be abridged in consequence of the lamentable state of things which, for some time, has existed among you; that the past, on the part of all concerned, be cheerfully forgiven, and, so far as may be, obliterated from memory; but that now, entering into renewed covenant with the Lord, every member of the body may be engaged to move in His fear and in His love, being clothed with that charity which seeketh not her own, but each preferring other to himself, you may be favored to be helpful one to another, bearing one another's burdens and so fulfilling the law of Christ; and we earnestly desire that the authority of the Meeting be seasonably exercised, in the spirit of restoring love, to carry into effect the advice which we now tenderly offer. Remember, dear friends, at all times, the example left by our adorable Saviour, that we should follow his steps, ‘who did no sin, neither was guile found in his mouth; who when he was reviled, reviled not again; when he suffered he threatened not; but committed himself to him who judgeth righteously; who his own self bare our sin, in his own body, on the tree, that we being dead to sin should live unto righteousness.’ ‘Now the Lord of peace himself give you peace always, by all means.’

Portland, 10th month 24th, 1861.’

This document was signed by us all and presented to the Monthly Meeting, and one of like import to the Quarterly Meeting, by both of which meetings it was cordially received and entered upon their records.

While we trust that the labors of the Committee have not been wholly fruitless, it is our judgment that care should continue to be extended, through a committee, by the Yearly Meeting, to some branches of Falmouth Quarterly Meeting.

STEPHEN A. CHASE,
JOHN D. LANG,
SAMUEL BOYCE,
NEWELL HOXIE,
SAMUEL BOYD TOBEY,
CHARLES R. TUCKER,
GILBERT CONGDON,
JOHN PAIGE.

Newport, 6th mo. 16th, 1862."

The Committee appointed to settle the Treasurer's account, and for other purposes, made the following report which is approved; and our Quarterly Meetings are requested to raise their respective quotas of twelve hundred dollars, and pay the same to our Friend David Buffum, whom we appoint our Treasurer for the ensuing year.

"TO THE YEARLY MEETING.

The Committee appointed to examine the account of the Treasurer, and for other purposes, report, they find due him one thousand and thirty-nine and $\frac{45}{100}$ dollars.

They propose twelve hundred dollars to be raised for the use of the Meeting, and the name of David Buffum for Treasurer.

On behalf of the Committee,

W. A. ROBINSON.

Newport, R. I., 6th mo. 18th, 1862."

Adjourned to 4 o'clock to-morrow afternoon.

FIFTH DAY AFTERNOON, the 19th, the Meeting again assembled, pursuant to adjournment. The Representatives present, except three.

The appointment of the following correspondents was reported from New York Yearly Meeting:

"Shappaqua Monthly Meeting:—Jesse H. Underhill, in place of Charles R. Underhill, deceased. Address, *Shappaqua, Westchester Co. N. Y.*

Amawalk Monthly Meeting:—William B. Collins, in place of James Brown, deceased. Address, *Peekskill, Westchester Co., N. Y.*

Scipio Monthly Meeting:—Robert B. Howland, in place of Humphrey Howland, released at his request. Address, *Union Springs, Cayuga Co., N. Y.*

Leeds Monthly Meeting:—Joseph Wiltse, in place of Joseph Wing, released. Address, *Farmersville, C. W.*

Taken from the Minutes,

WILLIAM WOOD, *Clerk.*"

The Committee appointed at our last sitting to propose the names of Friends to compose a Committee of this Meeting, on Education, presented the following, which are approved, and they are appointed accordingly, and requested to act in conjunction with a similar committee of the Women's Meeting, to report to this Meeting next year, viz:

Joseph E. Macomber, Solomon R. Knowles, Samuel Austin, Abel F. Collins, Samuel Gifford, Nathan Breed of Weare, John H. Crossman, Robert L. Brown, Edward W. Ewer, Nathan T. Shepherd, Matthew Barney, Isaac R. Potter, Adrian Davis, Charles Taber, Isaac Steere, Nathan Babcock, Timothy K. Earle, George Douglas, Henry M. Minott, Nathan Pope, Silas H. Cartland, Thomas B. Nichols, Eli Jones, Jedediah J. Varney, Amos D. Purinton, Albert C. Buffum, George Varney, George Richardson, Levi Jones and Joseph Winslow.

[Women's Committee.]—Cynthia Bowen, Gulielma Freeborn, Elizabeth A. Congdon, Mary D. Collins, Mary Slade, Lydia P. Chase, Elizabeth Page, Mary T. Gove, Elizabeth C. Wing, Ruth A. Shepherd, Lydia Swain, Huldah B. Gifford, Rebecca A. Church, Susan Taber, Abigail S. Hodges, Lydia B. Dow, Abigail Wheeler, Jane C. Minott, Salome J. Goddard, Lydia M. Pope, Anna H. Cartland, Rachel B. Nichols, Sybil

Jones, Jane H. Varney, Abigail M. Hanson, Eliza P. Varney, Sarah Hoag, Hannah R. Wing, Lavina M. Briggs and Eunice Winslow.

The Committee appointed at a former sitting, report that the required number of copies of the London General Epistle has been reprinted, and placed in the hands of the Representatives, or other Friends, to be conveyed to our subordinate Meetings.

The clerk is directed to sign on our behalf, the following certificate for our friend, William Green, viz :

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The Clerk is directed to sign on our behalf, the following minute for our friend, William G. Johnson ; and similar ones for our Friends, Joseph Hobson, John Henry Douglas, Abraham Morris, Phebe Ann Sands and Mary H. Thomas, viz :

“ Our beloved friend, William G. Johnson, attended this Meeting. His company, and religious services, have been acceptable to us.”

The clerk is also directed to sign, on our behalf, the following minute for our friend, John M. Macey, and similar ones for our friends, Eli Harvey, John J. Thomas, Jacob Mekeel, Isaac Stanley, Isaac Mekeel, Abby W. Underhill and Mehitable J. Morris, viz :

“ Our beloved friend, John M. Macey, attended this Meeting. His company and solid deportment have been acceptable and satisfactory to us.”

Essays of Epistles to our dear brethren of the Yearly Meetings of London, Ireland, New York, Baltimore, North Carolina, Ohio, Indiana and Western, were laid before us by the Committee on Correspondence, and being approved, the Clerk is directed to sign them on our behalf, and forward them to those meetings respectively.

The Clerk is directed to cause three thousand copies of our minutes of the present year to be printed and furnished to the families of Friends.

The various important concerns of the Church that have claimed our attention having now been disposed of, in great harmony, with feelings of gratitude for the evidence we have had, during the whole course of this Yearly Meeting, of the Lord's goodness extended to us, we now separate in love; proposing to meet at this place, at the usual time, next year, if our Heavenly Father permit.

SAMUEL BOYD TOBEY, *Clerk.*

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MINUTES.

AT the Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England, held on Rhode Island, commencing with public meetings for worship at Newport and Portsmouth on First day the 14th, and for discipline at Newport, on Second day morning, the 15th of 6th month, 1863.

By the Reports from the Quarterly Meetings it appears that the following Friends have been appointed Representatives to this Meeting, viz:

From RHODE ISLAND—David Buffum, Timothy C. Collins, Perez Peck, Joseph Metcalf, Levi Almy, William Chase, William A. Robinson, and Gilbert Congdon.

From SALEM—Stephen A. Chase, Newell Ordway, Edward Gove, John Page, Nathan Breed of Lynn, Micajah C. Pratt, Robert L. Brown, and Thomas W. Thorndike.

From SANDWICH—Joseph Wing of Sandwich, James West, Benjamin Anthony, William C. Taber, Rufus Shearman, David K. Akin, Isaac R. Gifford, Thomas Macy, and Adrian Davis.

From FALMOUTH—Henry M. Minott, Nathan Douglass, Stephen Cartland, Rufus Horton, Abram Winslow, Calvin S. Goddard, Elijah Cook, George Douglass, George P. Day, Levi Meader, and Aaron Varney.

From SMITHFIELD—Richard Battey, Thomas Grover, Anthony Chase, Greeley Dow, Jonathan Farnum, Isaac Steere, and Amos W. Collins.

From VASSALBORO'—John D. Lang, Thomas B. Nichols, Jedediah J. Varney, James Van Blarcom, Timothy Hanson, Samuel Foster, Hezekiah Pope, Stephen Jones, Eli Jones, and Caleb Nichols.

From DOVER—Tobias Meader, Isaiah Fry, Daniel Meader, and Stillman Estes.

From FAIRFIELD—Samuel Taylor, Daniel Page, Charles F. Coffin, Levi Jones, Charles M. Bailey, Moses Bailey, and Alden Sampson,

whose names being called they were all present, except four, for whose absence sufficient reasons were rendered.

Having at this Meeting the acceptable company of our beloved friends, Thomas Smith of Raisin Monthly Meeting, Michigan; Elwood Ozbun, of Salem Monthly Meeting, Iowa; William H. Chase of Scipio Monthly Meeting, New York; Edward Jenkins, of Salem Monthly Meeting, Ohio; Phebe G. Underhill, of Amawalk Monthly Meeting, New York; Jane Jones, of Honey Creek Monthly Meeting, Indiana; Eliza Brewer, of West Lake Monthly Meeting, Canada West; and Mary Elliot, of Goshen Monthly Meeting, Ohio; satisfactory certificates from their respective Meetings expressing unity with them as Ministers, and with their present religious engagements, were read.

We have also the company of our beloved friends, Asenath H. Nixon, companion to our friend Jane Jones, and Elizabeth Jenkins who accompanies her husband, our friend Edward Jenkins, from whose respective Meetings minutes were read, expressive of unity with them as Elders, and with their present engagements.

Satisfactory minutes expressive of unity with them as members, were also received on account of our friends, Lemuel P. Clark, companion to our friend Thomas Smith; Nathan H. Bond, companion to our friend Elwood Ozbun; Richard Nixon accompanying our friend Jane Jones, and Phebe Griffin companion to our friend Phebe G. Underhill.

We have received and read at this time, the London printed Epistle for 1862, which is truly satisfactory and instructive, and we think peculiarly adapted to us, in the present condition of things in this land, setting forth very clearly among other duties, the necessity of a strict dependence upon God, for preservation in a day of calamity like this—ever faithfully bearing our testimony, to the unlawfulness of all war, as inconsistent with the commands and teachings of the Prince of Peace; and our friends, Timothy K. Earle and Henry T. Wood, are appointed to attend to the distribution of a reprint of 3,500 copies, (through the representatives now in attendance of this meeting,) that it may be read by our members generally, to whom we commend its instructive counsel; and Friends are encouraged in their freedom to cause it to be publicly read, at the close of a meeting on the first day of the week.

We have received truly acceptable Epistles, from our dear brethren of London Yearly Meeting, (both of 1862 and the present year,) Ireland, New York, Baltimore, Ohio, Indiana and Western, addressed to us, evidently in affectionate remembrance and Christian sympathy—which we tenderly reciprocate; and we appoint the following Friends, to prepare, as way opens for it, and present to a future sitting, essays of Epistles to these Meetings respectively, and also, one to our dear friends of North Carolina, from whom we have received no communication, at this time, on account, as we believe, of the difficulty of transmitting documents from their location to this part of the country, in the existing state of war—and they are also requested to address Iowa Yearly Meeting, soon to assemble for the first time, viz; Samuel Boyd Tobey, John D. Lang, Charles F. Coffin, Samuel Boyce, Samuel Taylor, Moses H. Beede, William C. Taber, James Van Blarcom, Eli Jones, John Page, John Milton Earle, David Buffum, John Barnes, Henry T. Wood, Samuel Austin, George L. Collins, Timothy K. Earle, Thomas B. Nichols, Samuel Gifford, Stephen Cartland, Gilbert Congdon, Charles R. Tucker, Levi Jones, William A. Robinson, Moses Bailey, Joseph Cartland of Providence, Stephen Dillingham, Jedediah J. Varney, Newell Hoxsie, Abner Slade, Jona-

than L. Slocum, Samuel Foster, Lemuel Jones, John Estes, Stephen Jones, and Thomas Grover.

A communication from an individual, addressed to this Meeting, is referred, according to discipline, for examination, to our friends David Buffum, and William C. Taber.

All the Quarterly Meetings report that they have paid, or directed to be paid, to our Treasurer, the amount of stock called for last year, and we appoint our friends, Gideon C. Smith, Micajah C. Pratt, Henry T. Wood, Henry M. Minott, Samuel H. Colton, Ebenezer Frye, Tobias Meader, and Charles M. Bailey, to audit the Treasurer's account, consider of a sum suitable to be raised for the use of this Meeting, the present year, and propose the name of a friend for Treasurer.

By the Reports from the Quarterly Meetings, it appears that *Rhode Island* has united with Rhode Island Monthly Meeting in acknowledging the gift and approving the public appearances in the ministry of Cynthia Bowen, and with Swanzey Monthly Meeting in a similar recognition and approval in the case of Eliza Hull, also with the latter meeting, in the appointment of Sarah Slade to the station of Elder. William S. Perry, an Elder and member of South Kingston Monthly Meeting, died on the 4th of 8th month 1862, aged 63 years 5 months and 3 days. Jonathan Congdon, an Elder and member of Providence Monthly Meeting, died on the 21st of 7th month 1862, aged 98 years 7 months and 5 days.

Salem Quarterly Meeting has united with Weare Monthly Meeting, in the appointment of Joseph Hoag and of Alice B. Hoag to the station of Elder.

Sandwich Quarterly Meeting informs that it has united with Sandwich Monthly Meeting, in the appointment of Nathan Wing and Mary R. Wing to the station of Elder. Maltiah Gifford, a member and Elder of Sandwich Monthly Meeting deceased, 7th month 20th 1862, aged 82 years 1 month and 4 days. Nathan Wing, an Elder and member of the same Monthly Meeting, died 1st month 13th 1863, aged 58 years, 10 months, 16 days.

Falmouth has united with Durham Monthly Meeting, in the appointment of Caleb Estes and George Douglas to the station

of Elder, and with Windham Monthly Meeting, in the appointment of Jane Pope to the same station. Mercy Lowell, a member and Elder of Windham Monthly Meeting, died 13th of 7th month 1862, aged 65 years, 9 months and 23 days.

Smithfield has united with Smithfield Monthly Meeting, in the appointment of Ruth M. Battey to the station of Elder. Buffum Chace, an Elder and member of Smithfield Monthly Meeting, deceased, 9th month 10th, 1862, aged 83 years, 4 months, 11 days.

Vassalboro has united with Vassalboro Monthly Meeting, in the appointment of Rachel B. Nichols and Maria S. Nichols to the station of Elder.

Dover has united with Sandwich Monthly Meeting, in the appointment of Joshua Folsom and Stephen Beede to the station of Elder.

Fairfield has united with Litchfield Monthly Meeting, in appointing Alden Sampson to the station of Elder.

Adjourned to 4 o'clock, this afternoon.

Afternoon, met according to adjournment.

Stephen Jones, on behalf of the Representatives, reported that they had conferred together, and were united in proposing Samuel Boyd Tobey for Clerk, and Charles R. Tucker as Assistant Clerk, which being approved by the Meeting, they are appointed to those stations for the ensuing year.

Having at this Meeting the acceptable company of our friend Rachael Cronkhite, companion to our friend Eliza Brewer, a satisfactory minute from West Lake Monthly Meeting was read, expressing unity with her as a member of that Meeting, and with her present engagement.

The Records of this Meeting, for last year, were laid before us and read.

The Committee to superintend our Boarding School at Providence presented the following report, which is interesting and satisfactory to us; and this Meeting gratefully appreciates the munificent donation of our friend Jacob Metcalf, and fully approves and adopts the minute made by the School Committee

on the reception of his gift, and the Clerk is directed to convey to our friend a copy of the minute and the feeling of this Meeting in relation to his generous act; and the friends now under appointment are continued to co-operate with a similar Committee of the Women's Meeting in superintending the School, the coming year, on our behalf, to report next year.

“TO THE YEARLY MEETING:—

The committee appointed to superintend the Boarding School during the past year, report: that they have attended to their appointment, and have much satisfaction in being able to state that it is in a prosperous condition, and that the administration of its various concerns has been such as to meet their approval.

The number of pupils admitted into the School, for the summer term, was 87, viz., 53 males and 34 females; for the winter term, 166, viz., 98 males and 68 females.

The officers of the Institution have been,—Albert K. Smiley and Eliza P. Smiley, Principals; Alfred H. Smiley, Associate Principal; John F. Rowell, Rebecca H. Smiley and Ruth P. Nichols, Teachers of English branches; Rufus Read, Teacher of Mathematics; Charles R. Paine, Assistant Teacher of Greek and Latin; Alfred Gaudelet, Teacher of French; Mary A. Potter, Teacher of Drawing. In the summer term, Rebecca D. Wing, and in the winter term, Bessie T. Wing were employed on account of the delicate health of Rebecca H. Smiley.

Meetings for worship have been regularly held in the School house on First day mornings, which have been uniformly satisfactory; and the scholars continue to attend meetings of Friends in the city, on First day afternoons and in the middle of the week.

The health of the inmates of the Institution has been generally very good, except that in the early part of the winter term it was interrupted by one or two cases of diphtheria, and several cases of pneumonia, one of which early assumed the typhoid form and proved fatal, in the person of Daniel Heustis Chace, of Bristol, Rhode Island, a young man nearly 21 years of age, son of Daniel and Harriet Chace. This dispensation of Divine Providence was thus noticed in the minutes of the committee:—“The removal by death of one of the pupils, above referred to, introduced us into a renewed and solemn sense of the uncertainty of life, and in this feeling our hearts were exercised in sympathy

for the bereaved relatives, in the humble trust that they mourn not as those without hope, and that our Heavenly Father may be a present help in their severe affliction."

At our meeting in the 9th month, we received the following communication from our friend, Jacob Metcalf:—

" Providence, 9th mo. 10th, 1862.

To the Committee of New England Yearly Meeting Boarding School.

Dear Friends:

My father, Ebenezer Metcalf, having in his will bequeathed to the Yearly Meeting Boarding School, after my decease, under circumstances therein specified, sixty-five shares of the capital stock of the Manufacturers Bank, in Providence, (par value \$6,500) ; one hundred and twenty shares of the Phenix Bank, Providence, (par value \$6,000), one hundred shares of the New England Pacific Bank, Pawtucket; (par value \$5,000) ; and one hundred shares of North Providence Bank, (par value, \$5,000), for the education of poor children, in that Institution ; and being desirous, in my lifetime, to contribute to the object contemplated by my dear father, I have this day authorized the Treasurer of the School fund to receive the dividends from the stocks above enumerated until otherwise ordered by me, to be applied as directed in said will, a copy of which, so far as relates to this bequest, I herewith present, reserving to myself the right of designating any child or children whom I may desire to receive the benefit of a part of said income, they being admitted subject to the Rules and Regulations of the School.

With my best wishes for the prosperity of the Institution,

I am your friend,

JACOB METCALF."

Upon receiving the foregoing communication, the following minute was placed upon our records, viz.:—

" This generous and liberal donation from our friend, Jacob Metcalf, is gratefully received by us, and we trust it will prove a blessing to many of the youth within our Yearly Meeting. We accept it as an evidence, on the part of our friend, of a desire to promote the best interests of those who need a helping hand in obtaining an education to qualify them for usefulness in the world, and desire that the benevolent donor may be blessed in his deed."

During the past year, a neat and convenient Astronomical Observatory has been erected on the School premises, and furnished with a telescope, transit instrument and clock ; the expense of these instruments being mostly defrayed by the subscription of a few friends. The object aimed at is to give the scholars generally an opportunity of observing

some of the more common and striking telescopic phenomena of the heavens, and more especially, to provide for those pursuing the study of Astronomy an opportunity of working practical problems by means of well-constructed instruments of moderate power. The more advanced pupils are accustomed to the free use of the instruments, and it is believed that in this way the study of Astronomy will be made more thorough and attractive.

By the report of the committee to examine the accounts of the Institution, it appears that the whole expenses for the past year have been defrayed by receipts from board and tuition, the products of the farm and fifty-two hundred dollars received from the Treasurer of the School fund, and that a balance of one hundred and one dollars remains in his hands. A large expenditure was required in painting the house and erecting the observatory, and further expenditures will soon be necessary for keeping the buildings in good repair. Notwithstanding this, and the greatly enhanced cost of all articles of consumption, we think it will be safe, under the prudent and skilful management of our Principals, to propose that prices for pupils remain the same as last year, viz.: \$40 per term for members of our Yearly Meeting; \$60 for members of other Yearly Meetings, and where one or both parents are members of our religious Society, or the scholars are sent at the charge and expense of such members; and \$100 for any others, payable in all cases in advance, and that \$5 additional charge continue to be made for instruction either in the ancient languages, in French or in Drawing, and that books and stationery be furnished as heretofore.

In conclusion, we may state that moral and religious instruction, including, especially, a knowledge of the Holy Scriptures, has, we think, been faithfully attended to, and the pupils generally have given evidence of interest in these important exercises; and we thankfully trust that this Institution continues to be remembered by Him whose blessing alone can sustain us.

Signed by direction and on behalf of the School Committee,

GILBERT CONGDON, Clerk.

Providence, 5th mo. 12th, 1863.

NOTE.—The summer term, 1863, closes the 30th of 9th month.

The winter term, 1863–4, commences on fourth day, the 4th of 11th month, and closes the 23d of 3d month, 1864.

The summer term of 1864 commences fourth day, the 4th of 5th month.

REGULATIONS OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

As the number that can be admitted into the School is limited, it is necessary that the committee should be seasonably informed of all in this Yearly Meeting that desire to occupy places in the School, in order that they may determine how many others, if any, may be received. Application should therefore be made for members of our Yearly Meeting in season to be laid before the committee at their meetings held in the *third* and *ninth* months. At these meetings, applications for members of our Yearly Meeting will have precedence of all others, after which they will be considered in the order in which they are received.

Applications for the benefit of the "charitable fund," or of "the Jacob Metcalf donation," will also be determined at the times above specified, and in all these cases information is desired of the age, moral habits and literary acquirements of the applicants, to aid the committee in deciding upon them.

It is expected, and earnestly desired, that *all* the scholars shall be at the School punctually, at the commencement of the term, for the prompt organization of classes; but if circumstances occur to prevent such attendance, notice is to be forwarded to the Principals, within one week of that time, stating whether or not their places are desired to be reserved for them. A failure to attend the School, or to give the notice above specified, will be considered a relinquishment of the privilege, unless again admitted by the committee; and in all cases of pupils being admitted for the term and attending the School, it is expected that payment will be made for the term.

Friends of pupils and all others visiting the School will be expected to defray the expense arising therefrom to the Institution.

All applications for admission are to be made to the Principals.

Address,

ALBERT K. SMILEY,
Principal Friends Boarding School,
Providence, R. I.

[*Committee.*—Samuel Boyd Tobey, Gilbert Congdon, William C. Taber, Samuel Taylor, Samuel Boyce, Gideon C. Smith, George Howland, Jr., Samuel Austin, Charles R. Tucker, David Buffum, Stephen A. Chase, William A. Robinson and John D. Lang.

Susan Howland, Lydia Congdon, Sarah F. Tobey, Ann Elmira Lang, Eliza B. Boyce, Mary A. Smith, Lydia H. Jones, Dorcas F. Tucker, Rachel S. Howland, Sarah T. Sampson, Ann B. Earle and Anna T. Dennis.]

The Committee appointed this morning reported favorably to reading the communication addressed to this Meeting by an individual, and it was accordingly read. It proved to be an address from our beloved friend William Green, of Ireland, who was so acceptably with us at our last Yearly Meeting. The spirit of love which it breathes, the evident concern manifested for the prosperity of truth and for the healing of breaches, and the sound counsel it contains, were feelingly responded to in this Meeting, and the message were gratefully received and directed to be placed on our Records and transmitted to our members. The Clerk is directed to acknowledge its receipt to our friend William Green, with the expression of our continued love and unity.

“TO FRIENDS OF THE YEARLY MEETINGS OF PHILADELPHIA AND
NEW ENGLAND :—

DEAR FRIENDS :

Having believed it required of me to visit you, in the love of the Everlasting Gospel, (first the Meeting of Philadelphia, and now that of New England,) and having attended, with a few exceptions, all the Meetings of Friends in both places, and feeling nearly united to my dear Friends in the limits of both Meetings, I feel constrained in that same love, to address you at this time, although in a feeble way ; believing there are up and down amongst you those who love the Lord Jesus Christ in sincerity, and who are sincerely desiring the prosperity of Zion and the enlargement of her borders. To such as these, I desire to say God speed ; that their hands may be more and more strengthened to war, and their fingers to fight. But, how essentially necessary it is, that these should be united as members of the one fold, endeavouring to strengthen one another's hands in the Lord's work and service, as it was in days that are over and gone. I believe one great obstacle which stands in the way of a true fellowship (in some within your borders) is a watching for one another's failings, and not a willingness to see their own, and to have Charity for each other ; rather disposed to say, stand by thyself I am Holier than thou. But my dear friends, if we are enabled to see ourselves as we are seen in the Divine sight, would it not humble us and cause us to look more favorably on others? Love would be the covering of our spirits. By this, said our Blessed Redeemer, shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one towards another.

It has appeared to me, my dear friends, that a party spirit has made great ravages in your borders, one as it were, saying I am of Paul, and another, I am of Apollos, or in other words, setting up tabernacles for Moses and Elias ; but this will not do if ever we expect to be the people that the Lord designed that we should be ; it must be by hearing and obeying the only begotten Son of God and none else. It is He, and He only, that can raise us up a living people as in days of old, or as in former years. I do believe it is His design concerning us as a people, that we should yet shine in our ancient beauty ; and oh ! saith my spirit, that the day may hasten on apace, when the poor, stripped Church may come forth out of her wilderness state, leaning on the arm of Christ Jesus, the beloved of souls, clear as the sun, fair as the moon, and terrible to every thing that would oppose her shining, as an army with banners,—not in the strength nor power of man, nor in the wisdom of man, but by and through the Lord's Eternal Spirit ; for it is not by might, nor by power, but by my Spirit, saith the Lord of Hosts. And now, my dear friends, in true and unfeigned love, I bid you farewell, desiring that Grace, Mercy, and Peace, from God the Father, and from our Lord Jesus Christ, may more and more abound amongst you.

From your poor, unworthy brother,

WILLIAM GREEN.

This 4th day of 9th month, 1862."

Our friends Samuel Gifford, Moses F. Rogers, Jabez Wood, Calvin S. Goddard, Richard Battey, Thomas B. Nichols, Stilman Estes, and Moses Bailey, are appointed to prepare a summary of the answers and present at our next sitting.

Adjourned to 10 o'clock to-morrow morning.

THIRD DAY MORNING, the 16th, the Meeting assembled pursuant to adjournment, Representatives present except three.

After a season of solemn waiting and being favored, as we reverently trust, to witness a measure of the Divine presence, the Meeting entered upon a consideration of the state of Society, by reading the Queries and Answers; and having attended to the 1st and 2nd, adjourned to 4 o'clock, P. M.

In the afternoon we again assembled, and concluded the review of our state as revealed by the remaining Answers to the Queries.

During the whole of this interesting engagement, a covering of good was felt to be over the Meeting, and much lively and pertinent counsel and admonition were extended to us, by concerned and qualified brethren. We were brought renewedly to feel that the paramount business of *time*, is to prepare for *eternity*. We all know that we are to appear before the judgment seat of Christ. We know that we are individually responsible unto God. We know that He is omnipotent. We acknowledge our dependence upon Him, and that it is His prerogative to bless or to wither us as it pleaseth Him. We trust there is not one among us that calls in question these vital truths. Yet, with all this confession upon our lips, how is it exemplified in our lives? How do we manifest our sense of dependence—our filial love—our practical faith, when we neglect to perform the reasonable service of assembling to worship Him? Even on the day when secular concerns are suspended, by common consent, how lamentable is the thought, that so many of our members fail to attend meetings for divine worship, and still a greater number, when some sacrifice may be necessary, to attend those established for this holy purpose, in the middle of the week. This Meeting is deeply exercised on this account, and earnestly desires, in its concern for the salvation of souls, to arouse Friends to a sense of their duty, while yet opportunity is granted to discharge it. “Awake thou that sleepest, arise from the dead, and Christ shall give thee light.” Live no longer in a state of careless indifference. Reflect on the uncertainty of the continuance of thy pilgrimage on earth, and endeavor to realize how it will be with thee, when the Son of man cometh. Count all things but dross that thou mayest win Him. Yield to the blessed and constraining love of the Holy Spirit, and thou wilt see in Christ a perfect Savior and Redeemer, and will come experimentally to *know* Him, and to rejoice in Him with joy unspeakable. “Forsake not the assembling of yourselves together,” is an injunction of the Apostle; and as worship is an *individual* duty, none should be discouraged, or can feel excused by the fewness in numbers of those that assemble. The blessed Jesus will be with them that meet in His name, and, although there may be none vocally to minister the word, He, himself, will enable you acceptably to “worship Him that made Heaven and earth, and the sea, and the fountains of waters.” As you love your children, take them with you, for you know not at how tender an age, the Day Spring from on high may visit them.

One of the direct commands of Christ is, “Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself.” Can any one fail to guard against detraction, if his spirit

is right towards God? Can he speak evil of another if his heart is filled with love? Whilst he bears his testimony against all that is evil, will he not be engaged to seek to restore the wanderer—to point out to him the safe path—to show him the way of salvation, and to win him to Christ? Beloved friends, we are persuaded that this will be the course of all who really love Christ and strive to keep his commandments. To detract from the merits of a brother, to depreciate him in the view of his fellow men, is evidence that evil is existing in our own hearts—that we have not witnessed true and abiding conversion—that we are not walking in the regeneration, but still are indulging in the works of the fallen man that must be slain. “By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one unto another.” “Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment, and the second is like unto it, thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself.”

It is evident from the answer to the third query, that there is not that fullness of attention in all Friends' families, to the reading of the Holy Scriptures in a collective capacity, which has so often been recommended by this Yearly Meeting; and very tender and forcible have been the exhortations we have received, that the Bible—that unspeakable boon from Heaven, which maketh wise unto salvation, through faith in the Lord Jesus Christ—may receive our daily, reverential attention, in our families. Religious family opportunities are often blessed seasons, and we earnestly desire that friends may seek for the strength thus to be obtained, and not shrink from bowing the knee, or performing any other religious service in their families, which our Heavenly Father may require. “Ask, and ye shall receive; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you.”

In the present calamitous state of our beloved country, when the sword is drawn, when brother is engaged in destroying brother, and the cry of woe and desolation is heard in the land, deep is our travail, earnest our concern, that all of us, both younger and older, may be preserved from all manner of strife, and be strengthened, faithfully to maintain the peaceable principles which we have ever professed. No carnal weapon can be wielded by us if we are really guided by the Prince of Peace—by Him who commands us to love our enemies, to do good to them that hate us, and to pray for them that spitefully use us, whose kingdom is not of this world, and who taught his disciples to pray unto the Father “thy kingdom come.” Now is the time when our faith is practically tried; now is our season of proving, and we

earnestly entreat Friends to manifest that their trust is not in man, nor in the strength of man, but in the Lord Almighty; and that we are willing patiently to endure suffering, if that be our lot, for Christ's sake. Who can say how great may be our influence for good, by this exemplification of the principles of peace, at an hour like the present.

While the deeply interesting subjects of the seventh query were under consideration, thankfulness was expressed to the Father of mercies, for the preservation that has been thus far extended to us, and deep and tender was the sympathy manifested for those now in trouble, in consequence of loved ones in their families having entered the army; and fervent are the prayers of the Church for all these.

Under a grateful sense of mercy extended to us, in love, the Meeting now adjourns to 10 o'clock to-morrow morning.

The following is a summary of the answers received, viz :

SUMMARY.

ANSWER 1. Our meetings for worship and discipline have been attended, except thirty-one omissions, occurring in small meetings. Those on First days have generally been attended by most of our members. Meetings for discipline not so fully attended. Other mid-week meetings continue to be neglected by many. The hour is nearly observed by most Friends. Unbecoming behavior mostly guarded against, a few instances of sleeping excepted. Four accounts state that care has been extended.

2d. Love and unity appear to be in a good degree maintained amongst us; detraction is generally guarded against, with some exception, in three of the accounts. When differences have arisen, endeavors have been used to end them. Some care mentioned in two of the answers.

3d. Most of our members we think are concerned to bring up those under their care in plainness; also, to restrain them from pernicious reading and from corrupt conversation, and are, in good degree, exemplary herein themselves; while others appear less watchful in these respects. The Holy Scriptures are, we believe, read in all Friends' families, and frequently in most of them.

4th. Spirituous liquors appear to be confined to medicinal purposes, except in six instances, and two accounts give indefinite exceptions; and friends are generally careful to avoid frequenting of taverns and

places of public resort, with some exception from one Quarterly Meeting; and to observe moderation and temperance on the occasions referred to. Some care taken.

5th. The necessities of the poor have been relieved, and the education of their children attended to. With a few exceptions in one account, children are placed among friends.

6th. Careful in these respects, except a few instances of keeping company with those not in membership with us on account of marriage. Five cases of marrying out are reported, one of which is under notice.

7th. Our testimony to the freeness of the Gospel ministry has, we believe, been maintained with a few exceptions, three of which are under notice. Forty-three enlistments in the military service of the United States are definitely reported; in twenty of which cases, disownment has taken place, and seven more are reported as under notice. One account states a *few instances* of enlistment. Three make some exceptions in regard to *other* military matters. Clear in the other parts of this query. Two accounts state some care taken.

8th. With a few exceptions, Friends are careful to inspect their affairs and settle their accounts, punctual to their promises, just in the payment of their debts, and endeavor to live within the bounds of their circumstances.

9th. Careful as to records. A number of removals without certificates, most of which are under notice.

10th. Care has been taken to deal with offenders, we trust, in good measure as queried after, though not so seasonably, in some cases, as would be best. Judgment has, we believe, been placed according to discipline.

FOURTH DAY MORNING, the 17th, the Meeting assembled according to adjournment. The Representatives present except five.

The Records of the Meeting for Sufferings for the past year, were laid before us and read; and the proceedings of that Meeting in relation to the important subjects that have claimed their attention, are satisfactory to us—as manifested by a very full and feeling expression on the part of the Meeting, including many of our beloved young men; and the friends now under appointment are continued to compose a Meeting for Sufferings for the ensuing year, to attend, on our behalf, to such subjects

as may properly claim their attention, and lay their proceedings before this Meeting, next year.

Members of Meeting for Sufferings :—

David Buffum, Perez Peck, Joseph Metcalf, Samuel Boyd Tobey, John D. Lang, Samuel Taylor, Allen Wing, Samuel Boyce, Joseph Taber, of Albion, Timothy C. Collins, Thomas Harkness, Stephen Jones, David K. Akin, Stephen A. Chase, William Farr, William C. Taber, Tobias Meader, Micajah C. Pratt, Thomas Jones, George Howland, Jr., Alden Sampson, William A. Robinson, Stephen Beede, Gilbert Congdon, Richard Battey, Ebenezer Frye, Henry M. Minott, Elisha Jones, of Windham, John Page, Charles R. Tucker, Lemuel Gifford, Nathan Breed, of Lynn, Joseph Taylor, George Bowen, Newell Hoxie, David Kelly, Moses Huntington, Jr., and Edward Earle.

The Committee under appointment to extend, on our behalf, advice and assistance to Meetings or individuals, as occasion may require and way open for, presented the following Report, viz :

“TO THE YEARLY MEETING.

The Committee continued under appointment last year, to labor in that ability which might be afforded them to promote love and unity wherever they are interrupted within our limits, report that they have given attention to their appointment and so far as way has opened for it, have extended advice both to Meetings and individuals which they believe has not been without some benefit. They regret, however, that there is still evidence of a want, on the part of a few individuals in different meetings, of that unity which is essential to their own welfare and the right order of the Church, and it is their judgment that care should still be extended by this meeting through a Committee.

ISAAC R. GIFFORD,
JOHN D. LANG,
SAMUEL BOYCE,
NEWELL HOXIE,
SAMUEL BOYD TOBEY,
CHARLES R. TUCKER,
GILBERT CONGDON,
JOHN PAIGE.

Newport, 6th month 16th, 1863.”

And after solid consideration, and under a deep concern for the healing of breaches where any may exist in the Church, the same friends are continued under appointment to labor, on behalf of this Meeting, in the ability which may be mercifully afforded, to restore love and unity where they may not fully exist, to preserve the right order of the Church and report to this Meeting next year.

Committee.—Samuel Boyd Tobey, Gilbert Congdon, Stephen A. Chase, Samuel Boyce, Isaac R. Gifford, John D. Lang, Newell Hoxie, John Paige, and Charles R. Tucker.

Adjourned to 4 o'clock this afternoon.

Afternoon. Friends again assembled.

The Committee on Education presented the subjoined Report, which is interesting and encouraging to us.

“TO THE YEARLY MEETING:—

The committee on Education, in presenting their report, are aware that in New England the subject of education is claiming a large share of public attention, and that the members of this Yearly Meeting are not only deeply interested in the Boarding School at Providence and the Oak Grove Seminary at Vassalboro, which the committee believe were never in a more flourishing condition, but that many of them are associated with their fellow citizens, in the different localities where they reside, in the supervision and welfare of our public schools. We do not propose, therefore, to enter upon the consideration of this subject in all its various features of interest, but to offer, in connection with the usual statistical information, a few suggestions, touching the importance of awakening a still deeper interest in the *religious instruction* of our members; for we feel that, in this respect, we have sustained a great loss.

We have obtained, in answer to circulars addressed to the different Monthly Meetings, and otherwise, the following information. No response was received from two Monthly Meetings.

The number of children in the Yearly Meeting between

the ages of 5 and 15 years, is	-	-	-	586
The number between 15 and 21, is	-	-	-	471

The number of Monthly Meeting Schools,	-	-	-	2
The " of Preparative Meeting Schools,	-	-	-	1
The " of Family Schools,	-	-	-	8
Whole number attending school,	-	-	-	895
" " taught by Friends,	-	-	-	388
" " engaged in teaching,	-	-	-	135
Number of members obtaining an education at Academies or Colleges not under the care of Friends,	-	-	-	33
Number of First Day Schools,	-	-	-	50
Average time of these schools,	-	-	-	8 months.
Whole number attending First Day Schools,	-	-	-	1,423
Number of Friends' children,	-	-	-	472
" of teachers,	-	-	-	193
" of Bible Classes,	-	-	-	32
" attending Bible Classes,	-	-	-	604
" of Friends attending,	-	-	-	521

It will be seen, that during the past year, the number of First Day Schools has been increased by 17, (or more than one-half;) and that to the number of persons receiving instruction in these schools, 581 have been added. Also, that the number of additional Bible Classes is 25 and that the additional members of Bible Classes are 471. This, the committee consider most gratifying intelligence, for it not only shows an increasing interest in the establishment of schools for the scriptural instruction of the youth, but evinces, on the part of our older Friends, a desire to strengthen and encourage these by their presence, and thus are all mutually benefited. And the advantages of such schools are not confined to our own members, for, it will be perceived, that only about one-third part of the whole number are members of our religious Society.

In this way, there is an opportunity presented for extending our usefulness, in promoting the cause of truth and righteousness in the earth, which should be the chief object in all our educational efforts. And while we rejoice at the indications of interest manifested in the "Boarding School" and other institutions of learning, for promoting a thorough practical education, and the new zeal exhibited in opening schools for the study of the sacred scriptures, which have done so much to elevate and bless man, we would remind Friends, and especially our younger members who occupy the interesting and responsible position of parents, not to forget, that the *family circle* is, after all, the most impor-

tant school in which our children are placed; for it is here that the character of the man, for good or for evil, is generally formed. Hence the importance of determining what that home influence shall be, bearing in mind that it is operating hourly upon hearts of immortal beings, during the period when those hearts are most susceptible of influence. Let no want of sympathy with children, or coldness and restraint exist, to make home less attractive than the places and company which lead the soul astray from virtue. But let the charm and the freedom of love pervade the home of every child, and then shall home influences be always lovely to him, and always sacred.

By the direction of the Committee.

JOHN H. CROSMAN, Clerk."

The Committee under appointment, with the substitution of Joseph S. Hawkes in the place of Joseph Winslow, removed from St. Alban's Monthly Meeting, is continued to attend to this important and very interesting concern, and we desire to strengthen their hands in the work.

This Meeting again revives the suggestion contained in the report of the Committee last year, viz :

"We would further suggest, that it would materially aid the Committee appointed by the Yearly Meeting on the interesting subject, if Monthly Meetings were to appoint Committees to collect statistics to encourage the organization of First Day Schools in all our Meetings, and to act in other respects in conjunction with the Yearly Meeting's Committee. And that the members of these several Committees, together with the members of the Yearly Meeting's Committee, resident within each Quarterly Meeting, meet at the time of holding the Quarterly Meeting preceding the Yearly Meeting, to prepare a report to be presented to the Committee on Education when they meet at Newport."

And this Meeting earnestly requests our several Monthly Meetings to attend to this suggestion, and to render all desired aid to our Committee, to enable them to present full and correct statistical information to us from year to year.

[Committee.—Joseph E. Macomber, Solomon R. Knowles, Samuel Austin, Abel F. Collins, Samuel Gifford, Nathan Breed of Weare, John H. Crossman, Robert L. Brown, Edward W. Ewer, Nathan T. Shep-

herd, Matthew Barney, Isaac R. Potter, Adrian Davis, Charles Taber, Isaac Steere, Nathan Babcock, Timothy K. Earle, George Douglas, Henry M. Minott, Nathan Pope, Silas H. Cartland, Thomas B. Nichols, Eli Jones, Jedediah J. Varney, Amos D. Purinton, Albert C. Buffum, George Varney, George Richardson, Levi Jones, and Joseph S. Hawkes.

Women's Committee.—Cynthia Bowen, Gulielma Freeborn, Elizabeth A. Congdon, Mary D. Collins, Mary Slade, Lydia P. Chase, Elizabeth Page, Mary T. Gove, Elizabeth C. Wing, Ruth A. Shepherd, Lydia Swain, Huldah B. Gifford, Rebecca A. Church, Susan Taber, Abigail S. Hodges, Lydia B. Dow, Abigail Wheeler, Jane C. Minott, Salome J. Goddard, Lydia M. Pope, Anna H. Cartland, Rachel B. Nichols, Sybil Jones, Jane H. Varney, Phebe H. Meader Eliza P. Varney, Sarah Hoag, Hannah R. Wing, Lavina M. Briggs and Deborah W. Hawkes.]

The Committee on the ancient and early concern of this Meeting for the Penobscot and Passamaquoddy tribes of Indians made the following report, which, as in former years, is interesting and satisfactory to us,—and our Committee is continued under appointment and requested to attend to our concern as way opens for it; this Meeting being desirous that these people should feel that we are interested in them and disposed to do them good, as was conspicuously the case with our forefathers, in relation to the aborigines of our country in its early settlement by white people.

“TO THE YEARLY MEETING.

The Committee appointed to have charge of the concern of the Meeting for the improvement of the Penobscot and Passamaquoddy Indians, report :

That those of the Penobscot tribe are getting along much the same as in former years, making some improvement in agriculture, and becoming, though very gradually, more interested in that subject, and also in the education of their children.

The Committee have not drawn on the Treasurer of the Yearly Meeting for the sum appropriated last year for the benefit of this tribe, but would recommend that the amount remain subject to the order of the Committee.

Two of our members were enabled to make a visit to the Passamaquoddy tribe in the eighth month, last year. Although many of their number were at the time absent from their homes, it proved an interesting visit to the Committee and highly gratifying to the Indians. At Pleasant Point, some eight miles from Eastport, is a small settlement of from twenty-five to thirty houses, which in appearance would compare favorably with many New England villages, the houses having a clean and tidy appearance and looking comfortable.

A school was in session here on the afternoon of our visit, and about thirty scholars were present, but we were told by the teacher that this was more than their usual attendance; that although over forty had been present at one time, the average was only about fifteen, the attendance being very irregular. Their improvement however, under the circumstances, had been good. About fifty miles farther up the river is another portion of this tribe which we visited. Here also was a school at the time of our visit. We did not see it in session but were informed that the attendance was small. Their houses though generally small looked comfortable. They have a good school house at each of these villages."

On behalf of the Committee,

STEPHEN JONES.

Newport, 6th month 17th, 1863.

[*Committee.*—John D. Lang, Stephen Jones, Joseph Taber, Nathan Douglas, Allen Wing, Caleb Nichols, Samuel Taylor, Eli Jones, Alfred H. Jones, Henry T. Wood, James Van Blarcom, George Richardson and Joseph Estes.]

The Committee to settle the Treasurer's account, and for other purposes, made the following report, viz.

"TO THE YEARLY MEETING :—

The committee appointed to settle the Treasurer's account, and for other purposes, report they have attended to their appointment, and find a balance due the Treasurer, of two thousand five hundred sixty-nine $\frac{21}{100}$ dollars (\$2,569.21). They are united in proposing the sum of twenty-five hundred dollars, (\$2500) to be raised for the use of the meeting; and David Buffum for Treasurer.

GIDEON C. SMITH,

For the Committee.

Newport, 6th mo. 16, 1863."

Which is approved, and our several Quarterly Meetings are requested to raise their respective quotas of \$2,500, and forward the same to our friend David Buffum, whom we appoint our Treasurer for the ensuing year.

The following proposition, from Salem Quarterly Meeting, claimed the serious consideration of this Meeting, and we were united in referring it to the attention of the Meeting next year, viz.

“The subject of proposing to the Yearly Meeting a revision of our Discipline has at this time claimed our attention ; and it is concluded to bring the same before our next Yearly Meeting for its consideration.”

The Committee to attend to the distribution of a reprint of 3,500 copies of the London General Epistle, report that the service has been performed.

Adjourned to 4 o'clock to-morrow afternoon.

FIFTH DAY AFTERNOON, the 18th, met according to adjournment. The Representatives present except five.

Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting proposes the appointment of Peter H. Collins, as correspondent of South Kingstown Monthly Meeting in place of William S. Perry, deceased ; address Hopkinton, R. I. ;—and Sandwich proposes the appointment of Joseph Wing correspondent of Sandwich Monthly Meeting, in place of Maltiah Gifford, deceased ; address Sandwich, Mass.—with which this Meeting unites.

In the Epistle from New York, we are informed that Joseph Gibbons has been appointed correspondent of Adrian Monthly Meeting, in place of Samuel Satterthwaite, deceased ; address Adrian Michigan. Edward B. Cronk, correspondent of West Lake Monthly Meeting, in place of Archelaus Southard, released ; address Bloomfield, Prince Edward's County, Canada West.

The Clerk is directed to sign on our behalf, the following minute for our friend Thomas Smith, and similar ones for our friends Elwood Ozbun, William H. Chase, Edward Jenkins,

Phebe G. Underhill, Jane Jones, Eliza Brewer and Mary Elliot, viz.

“Our beloved friend Thomas Smith attended this meeting. His company and religious services have been acceptable to us.”

The Clerk is also directed to sign, on our behalf, the following minute for our friend Lemuel P. Clark, and similar ones for our friends Nathan H. Bond, Richard Nixon, Asenath H. Nixon, Elizabeth Jenkins, Phebe Griffin, and Rachel Cronkhite, viz.

“Our beloved friend, Lemuel P. Clark, attended this meeting. His company and solid deportment have been acceptable and satisfactory to us.”

The Committee on the Correspondence presented essays of Epistles to our dear brethren of the Yearly Meetings of London, Ireland, New York, Baltimore, North Carolina, Ohio, Indiana, Western and Iowa, which the clerk is directed to sign on our behalf and forward to those Meetings respectively.

The clerk is requested to cause 3000 copies of the Minutes of this Meeting of the present year to be printed and furnished to the families of friends.

The interesting and important engagements of this Meeting are now satisfactorily concluded. Many of us came up hither deeply bowed in spirit. We realized the trials through which the church is now passing amid the commotions and conflicts that surround us. And now in parting with each other, in much tenderness and love, we gratefully confess that we have been strengthened by the sure evidence we have received that the Lord has not forsaken us—that his ear is open to the prayers of those who, through the blessed Intercessor, come unto Him for help—and that preservation will continue to be extended to all who put their trust in Him. We now adjourn to meet on this Island, at the usual time, next year, if the Lord permit.

SAMUEL BOYD TOBEY, *Clerk.*

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MINUTES.

At the Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England held on Rhode Island, commencing with public meetings for worship, at Newport and Portsmouth, on First day the 12th, and for discipline, at Newport, on Second day morning, the 13th of 6th month, 1864.

By the Reports from the Quarterly Meetings it appears that the following Friends have been appointed Representatives to this Meeting, viz :

From RHODE ISLAND—Perez Peck, David Buffum, Joseph Metcalf, Samuel Gifford, Gilbert Congdon, Samuel Boyd Tobey, Moses H. Beede, George Anthony, Abner Slade, Thomas Harkness, and William A. Robinson.

From SALEM—Nathan Breed of Lynn, Samuel Boyce, Stephen A. Chase, Newell Ordway, John Paige, Daniel Beede, Micajah C. Pratt, Ephraim Leighton, and Moses Huntington.

From SANDWICH—Rufus Shearman, William C. Taber, Joseph Wing, David Kelley, David K. Akin, Moses Smith, Nathaniel Gifford, and Henry T. Wood.

From FALMOUTH—Nathan Douglass, Henry M. Minot, Joseph Hawkes, John Cartland, George Douglass, Stephen Swett, Elisha Jones, Abram Winslow, and Stephen Cartland.

From SMITHFIELD—Anthony Chase, Thomas Grover, John Barnes, John Milton Earle, Richard Battey, and Greeley Dow.

From VASSALBORO'—John D. Lang, Thomas B. Nichols, Samuel Foster, Joseph Taber, Philip Dinsmore, William A. Sampson, Stephen Jones, Timothy Hanson, and James Van Blarcom.

From DOVER—Jesse Roberts, Isaac Varney, Cyrus Bangs, and Oliver Meader.

From FAIRFIELD—William Farr, Daniel Page, Alden Sampson, Charles M. Bailey, Moses Bailey, and Reuben T. Jones,

whose names being called they were all present.

Having at this Meeting the acceptable company of our beloved friend, David Hunt, of Honey Creek Monthly Meeting, Iowa; Enos G. Pray, of Milford Monthly Meeting, Indiana; Jonathan Devoll, of Moreau Monthly Meeting, New York; Cornelius Douglass, of Dover Monthly Meeting, Indiana; Aaron L. Benedict, of Alum Creek Monthly Meeting, Ohio; William Jenkins, of Upper Springfield Monthly Meeting, Ohio; Rebecca Collins, of New York Monthly Meeting; Elizabeth L. Comstock, of Rollin Monthly Meeting, State of Michigan; Sarah M. Hiatt, of Newbury Monthly Meeting, Indiana; Eliza Brewer, of West Lake Monthly Meeting, Canada West; Sarah Ann Linton, of Center Monthly Meeting, Indiana; and Ruth C. Hall, of Ferrisburg Monthly Meeting, New York Yearly Meeting; satisfactory certificates from their several Meetings expressive of unity with them as Ministers, and with their present religious engagements, were read.

We have also the acceptable company of our beloved friend Mary Jane Devoll, accompanying her husband, our friend Jonathan Devoll; Margaret Hunt, companion to our friend Sarah M. Hiatt; Lucinda Hadley, companion to our friend Sarah Ann Linton; and of our friend Stephen Wood, of Chapaqua Monthly Meeting, New York. Satisfactory credentials expressive of unity with them as Elders, and with their present engagements, were received from their several Meetings.

We have likewise with us, our dear friends Calvin Crane and Deborah P. Crane, accompanying our friend Elizabeth L. Comstock ; Elisha H. Purington and Naomi E. Purington, companions to our friend Ruth C. Hall ; Elijah Haworth, companion to our friend Cornelius Douglass ; and Homer Betts, assistant companion to our friends Sarah M. Hiatt and Margaret Hunt ; and satisfactory testimonials have been received expressive of unity with them as members and with their present engagements.

We have received and read, at this time, the general Epistle of our brethren of the Yearly Meeting of London held last year, and we have felt it to be a very instructive and edifying Epistle, truly acceptable to us, and we desire to commend it to the careful attention of all our members ; and our friends William A. Robinson and Henry T. Wood are appointed to place in the hands of the Representatives now in attendance of this Meeting, the usual proportions of 3,500 copies, to be conveyed to our several subordinate Meetings and distributed among the families of friends.

Acceptable Epistles from our dear brethren of the Yearly Meetings of London, Ireland, New York, Baltimore, Ohio, Indiana, Western and Iowa, have now been received and are interesting and comforting to us. As has been the case for several years past, owing to the difficulty of communication between them and us in the present state of the country, we have received no Epistle from our beloved brethren of North Carolina, but they are remembered by us with deep interest and sympathy, with desires that the protecting arm of the blessed Saviour may be round about them, and that His presence may comfort them in this hour of trial. We appoint the following friends to prepare essays of Epistles to these several Meetings as way may open for it, and present them to a future sitting, viz : Samuel Boyd Tobey, Samuel Boyce, Moses H. Beede, John D. Lang, David Buffum, Stephen A. Chase, William C. Taber, Henry T. Wood, John Paige, James Van Blarcom, Thomas B. Nichols, William Farr, David K. Akin, John Milton Earle, Eli Jones, Charles R. Tucker, Newell Hoxie, Joseph Hoag, Henry M. Minott, Daniel

Beede, Obadiah Chase, William A. Sampson, Gilbert Congdon, Isaac R. Gifford, Stephen Jones, William A. Robinson, Samuel Gifford, Alden Sampson, Joseph Cartland of North Providence, Jonathan L. Slocum, John Barnes, Samuel Austin, and Nathan Douglass.

All the Quarterly Meetings inform that they have paid, or directed to be paid to our Treasurer, the amount of stock called for last year; and we appoint our friends Thomas Harkness, Abiajah C. Pratt, William Gifford, Henry M. Minott, Timothy K. Earle, Samuel Foster, Tobias Meader, and Moses Bailey, to audit the Treasurer's account, and to propose a suitable sum for the use of this Meeting the present year, and the name of a friend for Treasurer.

Salem Quarterly Meeting reports that Rachel B. Holder, an Elder and member of Salem Monthly Meeting, departed this life on the 24th of 3d month last, aged 64 years and 8 months, and that William Rogers, Jr., an Elder and member of Seabrook Monthly Meeting, died on the 5th of 9th month, 1863, aged 77 years, 21 days.

Sandwich reports that Rachel Swain, an Elder and member of Nantucket Monthly Meeting, deceased, 9th month 4th, 1863, aged 91 years 8 months and 8 days, and that Lydia Hussey, a Minister and member of the same Monthly Meeting, departed this life 2d month 18th, 1864, aged 84 years and 11 months.

Falmouth informs that Thomas Jones, a Minister and member of Durham Monthly Meeting, died the 7th of 1st month, 1864, aged 93 years and 8 months.

Smithfield reports that Joel Marsh, an Elder and member of Uxbridge Monthly Meeting, deceased, the 12th of 12th month, 1863, aged 86 years and 7 months.

Vassalboro reports that it has united with Unity Monthly Meeting in acknowledging the gift and approving the public appearances in the Ministry of Martha Austin, with Vassalboro Monthly Meeting in a similar recognition and approval of Lucy G. Whitehouse, and also with Chma Monthly Meeting in acknowledging the gift and approving the public appearances in the Ministry of Peace Jones, and in the appointment of Lois

Varney to the station of Elder. Lydia Mower, an Elder and member of Vassalboro Monthly Meeting, deceased, 5th of 10th month, 1863, aged 84 years, and that Jonathan Estes, an Elder and member of of China Monthly Meeting, deceased, 30th of 1st month, 1864, aged 83 years and 10 months.

From *Dover* we learn that Sarah B. Roberts, a Minister and member of Dover Monthly Meeting, departed this life 4th of 10th month, 1863, aged 67 years 7 months and 20 days.

Fairfield reports that it has united with Litchfield Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Deborah Wing and Reuben T. Jones to the station of Elder; that Eliza M. Farr, a Minister and member of Litchfield Monthly Meeting, died 9th month 28th, 1863, aged 49 years 6 months 4 days; that Betsey Bailey, an Elder and member of the same Monthly Meeting, died 1st month, 26th 1864, aged 86 years 3 months and 24 days; and that Patience D. Swan, a Minister and also a member of Litchfield Monthly Meeting, died 2d month 17th, 1864, aged 58 years 1 month 25 days.

Adjourned to 4 o'clock this afternoon.

Afternoon, met according to adjournment.

Stephen A. Chase, on behalf of the Representatives, reported that they had held a meeting on the subject of Clerks, and had united in proposing Samuel Boyd Tobey for Clerk and Charles R. Tucker for Assistant Clerk of this Meeting, for the year ensuing, which being approved, they are appointed accordingly.

The Records of this Meeting of last year were now read.

The Committee having charge of our Boarding School presented the subjoined Report which is interesting and satisfactory to the Meeting, and their conclusions are confirmed.

"TO THE YEARLY MEETING:

Dear Friends: The Committee appointed to Superintend the Boarding School during the past year, report: that in the Summer Term of the School there were in attendance, one hundred and twenty-one pupils, viz: seventy-one males and fifty females, and in the Winter Term, one hundred and seventy-two, viz: one hundred males and seventy-two females.

The officers of the Institution have been,—Albert K. Smiley, Principal; Alfred H. Smiley, Associate Principal; John F. Rowell, Bessie T. Wing, Mary A. Cornell, Teachers in the English Branches; Rufus Read, Teacher of Mathematics; William B. Phillips, Teacher of Ancient and Modern Languages; and Mary A. Potter, Teacher of Drawing. In the Summer Term, Elma M. Dame, and in the Winter Term, Amy E. Johnson were also engaged in the English Department, and since the commencement of the Winter Term, Rebecca H. Smiley has occupied the position of Principal of the Female Department; it having been necessary for Eliza P. Smiley, who has been acceptably associated with her husband in the government of the School, early in the summer to withdraw from active duties on account of her impaired health. The concerns of the Institution have been satisfactorily administered under this organization.

Meetings for worship have been regularly held at the School House on First day mornings, and have been uniformly satisfactory; and the scholars continue to attend Meetings of Friends in the city, on First day afternoons and in the middle of the week. A knowledge of the Holy Scriptures has been promoted by daily readings, and exercises on the First day of the week; and other openings to advance the highest interest of the scholars, have been improved.

The health of the inmates of the Institution has been generally good, except that, in the Winter Term, it was interrupted by the prevalence to a considerable extent, of mild indisposition, assuming the form, in several cases, of Diphtheria; all of whom recovered except Lucy Collins, daughter of William B. Collins, of Peekskill, N. Y., who died on the 10th of 1st month, in the sixteenth year of her age. To commemorate the grace of our Holy Redeemer, signally manifested in her closing hours, we present the following extract from the Report of the Principal to us. ‘All who had the privilege of witnessing the joy which animated the countenance of this dear girl, and hearing the almost constant expressions of love to her Saviour, of faith in His promises, and her trust that she would soon be forever happy, were deeply moved, and such thought that Heaven was indeed brought very near to them.’

This solemn event was thus noticed in the Minutes of the Committee. ‘The account of the removal of our dear young friend has produced on our minds renewed sympathy for the afflicted relatives, mingled with gratitude for this bright, happy close,—so full of the glorious hopes of a blessed immortality through *Him* who loved us and gave Himself for us.”

On the 16th of 3d month another death occurred, from pulmonary disease. Rufus Read died, after a short and severe illness, in his 25th year. We believed it due to the memory of our dear departed friend, to preserve, on the Records of the Committee, the following minute: In the decease of Rufus Read, who for three and a half years had been very satisfactorily engaged as the Mathematical Teacher, we realize that this Institution has sustained a great loss. His faithful and efficient services were enhanced by a peculiar kindness, and readiness to assist in any department whenever called upon, while his amiable and unobtrusive manners endeared him to his associates.

His life thus suddenly terminated in the early meridian of his usefulness, was marked, at its close, by a clear demonstration of the truth, that, at such an hour, man has nothing to depend upon but the mercy of God in Christ Jesus. To those who stood around his dying bed, it was instructive and affecting to witness in one endeared to all who intimately knew him, his deep sense of the sinfulness of the human heart, and his earnest applications for the interposition of the ever-living Son of God. How full of grace and consolation is the Redeemer's promise, "Him that cometh unto me, I will in no wise cast out," and we reverently trust that our dear departed friend witnessed its validity, and is now realizing that, "To depart and be with Christ is far better."

His conflict of spirit was very great, occasioned by the consciousness, notwithstanding he had been remarkably engaged to discharge his social and relative duties, that the strength of his days had not been sufficiently devoted to loving and serving such a gracious Saviour;—to us a solemn warning to strive that our day's work may be done in the day time. We sympathize with his afflicted relatives and friends, desiring that they may be favored to draw near to the Father of mercies and "God of all comfort."

These dispensations of Divine Providence, impressive to all, were, we hope, especially blessed to some, in the awakening to newness of life.'

By the report of the committee to examine and settle the accounts of the Institution, it appears that the whole expense, for the past year, has exceeded the amount received from all sources, about twelve hundred dollars. This deficiency has been occasioned by the greatly enhanced cost of all the supplies for the School. This subject had claimed our attention for some time past, but at our meeting in the Second Month it was concluded that the interests of the School impe-

riously required of us to apply to the Meeting for Sufferings for its sanction of the following advance in the rates of admission, to take effect at the commencement of the Summer Term,—which was approved of by that Meeting, and the prices, thus altered, will be as follows: \$55 per term for members of this Yearly Meeting; \$80 per term for members of other Yearly Meetings, and where one or both parents are members of our religious Society, or the scholars are sent at the charge and expense of such members; and \$125 for any others who may be admitted. An additional charge of \$5 continues to be made for Latin and Greek, French, German or Drawing. Although the cost of provisions has largely advanced since that time, we hope, with the continuation of the prudent management of our Principals, that the increased rates may sustain the School without incurring a debt.

In conclusion, we would reverently and gratefully acknowledge the continued mercies of Him, our gracious Care Taker and Head, who alone can prosper the work of our hands.

Signed by direction and on behalf of the School Committee.

GILBERT CONGDON, *Clerk.*

PROVIDENCE, 5th Mo., 10th, 1864.

NOTE.—Summer term of 1864 closes, 9th Mo. 28th, 1864.

Winter term opens, 11th Mo., 2d, 1864.

Summer term opens, 5th Mo., 3d, 1865.

REGULATIONS OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

As the number that can be admitted into the School is limited, it is necessary that the committee should be seasonably informed of all in this Yearly Meeting that desire to occupy places in the School, in order that they may determine how many others, if any, may be received. Application should therefore be made for members of our Yearly Meeting, in season to be laid before the committee at their meetings held in the *third* and *ninth* months. At these meetings, applications for members of our Yearly Meeting will have precedence of all others, after which they will be considered in the order in which they are received.

Applications for the benefit of the “charitable fund,” or of “the Jacob Metcalf donation,” will also be determined at the times above specified, and in all these cases, information is desired of the age, moral habits and literary acquirements of the applicants, to aid the committee in deciding upon them.”

It is expected, and earnestly desired, that *all* the scholars shall be at the School punctually, at the commencement of the term, for the prompt organization of classes; but if circumstances occur to prevent such attendance, notice is to be forwarded to the Principals, within one week of that time, stating whether or not their places are desired to be reserved for them. A failure to attend the School, or to give the notice above specified, will be considered a relinquishment of the privilege, unless again admitted by the committee; and in all cases of pupils being admitted for the term and attending the School, it is expected that payment will be made for the term.

Friends of pupils, and all others, visiting the School, will be expected to defray the expense arising therefrom to the Institution.

All applications for admission are to be made to the Principals.

Address,

ALBERT K. SMILEY,
Principal Friends Boarding School,
Providence, R. I.

[*Committee.*—Samuel Boyd Tobey, Gilbert Congdon, William C. Taber, Samuel Boyce, Gideon C. Smith, Samuel Austin, Charles R. Tucker, David Buffum, Stephen A. Chase, William A. Robinson, John D. Lang and Alden Sampson.

Susan Howland, Rhoda H. Taber, Sarah F. Tobey, Ann Elmira Lang, Eliza B. Boyce, Mary A. Smith, Dorcas B. Robinson, Dorcas F. Tucker, Sarah T. Sampson, Ann B. Earle, Anna T. Dennis, and Rebecca C. Kinsman.]

The following friends are requested to propose to this Meeting, at a future sitting, the names of suitable friends to compose a school committee for the ensuing year, viz., Joseph Cartland, of North Providence, Gideon C. Smith, Isaac R. Gifford, Newell Hoxie, Stephen Jones, Samuel Boyce, Charles M. Bailey, George L. Collins, Obadiah Chase, Newell Ordway, Edward Earle, Eli Jones, John D. Lang, Henry M. Minott, Samuel Boyd Tobey and William A. Robinson.

A salutation of Christian love to Friends in North America from the Yearly Meeting of London, held last year, was read at this time, with the information that it was early received by the correspondents of our yearly Meeting and acknowledged by them. This evidence of true christian love on the part of our

dear brethren and the salutary counsel contained in the address are truly satisfactory, comforting and strengthening to us.

Our friends Thomas Harkness, Nathan Breed of Lynn, Henry T. Wood, Lemuel Jones, Richard Battey, Joseph Estes, Tobias Meader and William Farr are appointed to prepare a summary of the answers to the Queries and present it at our next sitting.

Adjourned to 10 o'clock to-morrow morning.

THIRD DAY MORNING, the 14th, the Meeting assembled. Representatives all present. A communication addressed by an individual to this Meeting is referred to our friends David Buffum, William C. Taber and Stephen Jones, for examination, to determine according to discipline whether or not it shall be read in this Meeting.

The meeting now engaged under a solemn covering in considering the state of Society, by reading the Queries and Answers—and having proceeded to the 2nd inclusive, and been, we trust, baptized and comforted together under a renewed evidence that our Heavenly Father still remembereth us,—

Adjourned to 4 o'clock in the afternoon, when the meeting again assembled and completed the reading of the Queries and Answers. While the Meeting was occupied in this important engagement, a covering of Heavenly good we believe has been graciously spread over us.

The continued acknowledgment which from year to year is made of a neglect in the due attendance of our religious meetings for the worship of our almighty and gracious Father in Heaven, has painfully affected our hearts, and we have clearly seen that it arises from a want of a true sense of our relation unto God. We do not abidingly remember that we are entirely dependent upon Him for every thing on earth—upon His mercy for every thing we hope for in the world to come. It cannot be that any rational being, if the fear and love of God were upon his heart, would refuse or neglect to render unto Him the service He requires—even the simple and reasonable service of assembling together to pay unto Him the tribute of worship and praise. The prophet of old bewailed the want of a proper consideration by the people, in that day, of their relation to God, showing, in the contrast

that even the beasts that perish remember the source from whence their needful supplies come—"The ox knoweth his owner and the ass his master's crib; but Israel doth not know—my people do not consider." Again and again at our annual meetings have we mourned over this condition of our dear Society, when it is evident so many of its members "forsake the assembling of themselves together," and earnest has been the concern of this Meeting to awaken our beloved friends to a sense of their duty in this respect. We are all debtors unto God; we can confer nothing upon Him. It is only as humble suppliants we can come before Him, and it is of His sovereign Grace that we are permitted to draw near unto Him and availingly to plead for His blessings. Shall we refuse to come? shall we stand afar off, and strive to live without Him in the world? Shall we neglect the salvation of Him who hath promised to be with those who are gathered in His name? Deep is our engagement that all our meetings for the worship of God should be held in His name and power—not only on the day which, by common consent, is not devoted to secular purposes, but also when some sacrifice of a temporal kind may be involved. Let us go to these meetings, not to hear preaching—not to be instructed by our fellow-men—(though we acknowledge the preciousness of instrumental means and that thus we are often taught and edified,) but let us come together to meet Christ in the fulfillment of His blessed promise to be in the midst of those met in His name; and sitting at His feet, let us hear His gracious words. Friends, you who neglect these meetings, while your absence pains your brethren, inflict the chief injury upon yourselves; you fail to receive that bread and that water which are essential to your life. Let none seek to excuse themselves by saying that these are lifeless and dull seasons; to his own Master each must stand or fall; the failings of our brethren will avail nothing for us. It is undoubtedly, lamentably true that we may be very punctual in a formal attendance of our religious meetings and yet derive therefrom no spiritual benefit. We may even commit solemn mockery by professing to worship, when in our dullness we forget the presence of God; or when our thoughts wander far from Him, not remembering that He knows the engagement of every spirit and in whose heart it is to wait upon and serve Him. Let none of us forget the duties we owe to our younger friends and to our own dear children; let us pray for them; let us be engaged to lure them unto Christ; to attract them to the place of worship—to the house of prayer. Let us take them by the hand in tender love, and show them the blessedness of waiting upon

God. The falling tear, the silent or the vocal prayer on their behalf may reach their tender spirits and be blessed of Heaven.

If we love God supremely, if we keep the first and great commandment, we shall not fail to observe the second. He that does not love his neighbor—he that speaks evil of his brother, or is willing to detract from his good name or standing, may be assured that his own heart is not filled with love to God. There will be no want of love and unity among brethren if we fully love Him who created both them and us and for whom Christ alike shed his precious blood. As christians we cannot for a moment permit malice to rest in our hearts one towards another. Forgiveness of injuries real or supposed is a duty entirely incumbent upon every one of us: we pray for forgiveness of our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us,—“Forgive ye one another as God for Christ’s sake hath forgiven you.” If we are true christians, we are such as *pardoned sinners*, and must have forgiven all who have trespassed against us and be engaged to pray for them.

Affectionately do we entreat parents daily to assemble their families, reverently to read the Scriptures of Truth which make wise unto salvation, through faith in Christ Jesus, and to wait upon our God—humbly and in true simplicity presenting ourselves and our loved ones unto Him for preservation, and for His blessing; and he will not fail to see, to hear and to pity.

The answer to the 7th query shows that in this time of trial and close-proving, our ancient and christian testimony against all war has not been fully maintained. The exceptions, however, to faithfulness in this respect are, comparatively, but few; and while thankfulness is felt that this is so, we are very desirous of impressing upon every one of our members a just sense of the importance of this testimony, especially at the present day. Let not a mistaken view of true patriotism lead any to engage in any military requirement. We love our country,—we honor those in authority and feel truly grateful for their kind regard to our petitions for the enjoyment of liberty of conscience; but our allegiance to the King of kings is paramount to all other considerations. Let all, so far as may be possible, keep out of all the excitements now so abundant in our land. Let us be sober and prayerful—trusting in the Lord, and remembering that they are the best citizens of earth whose citizenship is in Heaven.

The subject of the revision of our Discipline, proposed by Salem Quarterly Meeting to our last Yearly Meeting and referred

for consideration to our meeting at this time, being now solidly considered, it is our united judgment that the proposition be further referred for consideration to our next Yearly Meeting.

We have, at this meeting, the acceptable company of our dear friend Eliza H. Varny, companion to our friend Eliza Brewer; Phebe H. Benedict, accompanying her husband Aaron L. Benedict; and Phebe N. Douglas, accompanying her husband, Cornelius Douglas. Satisfactory minutes from their respective meetings were read, expressive of unity with them as members, and with their present engagements.

Adjourned to 10 o'clock to-morrow morning

FOURTH DAY MORNING, the 15th, the meeting again convened. Representatives present, except one, whose absence is occasioned by indisposition.

The Records of the Meeting for Sufferings, for the past year, were laid before us and read; and the proceedings of that meeting in relation to the very important subjects that have claimed its attention, and its faithful discharge of the arduous duties devolving upon it, are fully approved and appreciated by this meeting, as manifested by a very full expression—our young men giving clear evidence of their feelings of gratitude for the care and sympathy extended towards them by their elder brethren.

Our friends Stephen A. Chase, David Buffum, Gilbert Congdon, William C. Taber, David K. Akin, John D. Lang, Perez Peck, Joseph Cartland of North Providence, Alden Sampson, Reuben T. Jones, Edward Earle, Joseph Cartland of Brunswick, Joseph Taber and John Milton Earle are appointed to propose to a future sitting the names of suitable friends to compose a meeting for Suffering for the ensuing year.

Adjourned to 4 o'clock this afternoon.

Afternoon—met by adjournment.

The Committee appointed yesterday to examine a communication addressed to this meeting, by an individual, report in favor of its being read. This paper comes from William Hussey, who states that he has not had a hearing by Dover Quarterly Meeting on his appeal from the judgment of Ber

wick Monthly Meeting, disowning him as a member of our religious Society; and it appearing that there has been some irregularity in the proceedings in the case, this meeting directs that his appeal be heard by Dover Quarterly Meeting, according to discipline, and the Clerk is directed to furnish that meeting with a copy of this minute.

The Committee on Correspondence is requested to prepare suitable minutes, to be presented at our next sitting, for Friends now in attendance of this meeting from other Yearly Meetings.

The Committee of this meeting, continued last year, presented the following report, viz :

“TO THE YEARLY MEETING :—

The Committee continued under appointment last year to labor on behalf of the Yearly Meeting with Meetings and individuals, for the restoration of love and unity, and the support of good order, report : that they have given attention to their appointment and extended such advice as they believed would tend to promote the best interests of the Society.

The case of the appeal of an individual from the judgment of Falmouth Quarterly Meeting confirming the decision of Falmouth Monthly Meeting, which was brought to the attention of the Yearly Meeting in 1861, has from time to time claimed our attention and care. The appellant, in the case referred to, now expresses his entire consent and acquiescence in such disposal of the case as, in the judgment of Friends, will best promote his own best interests and best subserve the cause of truth. We are united in judgment, after carefully weighing the case that this course will be for the Yearly Meeting to take no further action therein.

We believe that there are circumstances existing within our limits which may render it proper for the Yearly Meeting to continue its care, by a Committee, for the purposes for which we were appointed.

Which we submit to the Yearly Meeting.

ISAAC R. GIFFORD,
STEPHEN A. CHASE.
JOHN D. LANG,
SAMUEL BOYCE,
NEWELL HOXIE,
SAMUEL BOYD TOBEY,
CHARLES R. TUCKER,
GILBERT CONGDON,
JOHN PAIGE.

Newport, 6th month 14th, 1864.”

And in accordance with the recommendation contained in the Report, this Meeting now discontinues any further cognizance of the case of the appellant brought to this Meeting in 1861. And under a fervent desire for the promotion of true love and unity, and the healing of any breaches that may exist within our limits, the Committee [now under appointment is continued and desired to labor, as way may open for it, on our behalf for the purposes indicated—to report to this Meeting next year.

The Committee on education presented a Report which was necessarily imperfect in consequence of several Monthly Meetings having failed to make returns to the Committee. This Meeting earnestly requests our subordinate Meetings to attend to the recommendations heretofore made by this Meeting ; and we desire the encouragement of our Committee on this interesting concern—who are continued under appointment and requested to report next year.

[*Committee.*—Joseph E. Macomber, Solomon R. Knowles, Samuel Austin, Abel F. Collins, Samuel Gifford, Nathan Breed of Weare, John H. Crossman, Robert L. Brown, Edward W. Ewer, Nathan T. Shepherd, Matthew Barney, Isaac R. Potter, Adrian Davis, Charles Taber, Isaac Steere, Nathan Babcock, Timothy K. Earle, George Douglass, Henry M. Minott, Nathan Pope, Silas H. Cartland, Thomas B. Nichols, Eli Jones, Jedediah J. Varney, Amos D. Purinton, Albert C. Buffum, George Varney, George Richardson, Levi Jones, and Joseph S. Hawkes.

Women's Committee.—Cynthia Bowen, Gulielma Freeborn, Elizabeth A. Congdon, Mary D. Collins, Mary Slade, Lydia P. Chase, Elizabeth Page, Mary T. Gove, Elizabeth C. Wing, Ruth A. Shepherd, Lydia Swain, Huldah B. Gifford, Rebecca A. Church, Susan Taber, Abigail S. Hodges, Lydia B. Dow, Abigail Wheeler, Jane C. Minott, Salome J. Goddard, Lydia M. Pope, Anna H. Cartland, Rachel B. Nichols, Sybil Jones, Jane H. Varney, Phebe H. Meader, Eliza P. Varney, Sarah Hoag, Hannah R. Wing, Mary J. Page, and Deborah W. Hawkes.]

The Committee to audit the Treasurer's account and for other purposes, made the following Report, viz.

"TO THE YEARLY MEETING :—

The Committee to settle the Treasurer's account, &c., report that they have attended to their appointment, and find a balance due the Treasurer of sixteen hundred sixty-five dollars and sixty-five cents, and propose that three thousand dollars be raised for the use of the Meeting, and David Buffum for Treasurer.

THOMAS HARKNESS,

For the Committee."

NEWPORT, 6th month 15th, 1864.

Which is satisfactory to us, and the Quarterly Meetings are requested to raise their several quotas of three thousand dollars and forward the same to our friend David Buffum, whom we re-appoint Treasurer.

The Committee for that purpose propose the names of the following Friends to constitute a Committee for the care of our Boarding School, who being satisfactory, they are appointed accordingly and requested to coöperate with a similar Committee of the Women's Meeting in the superintendence of the school, and to report to this meeting next year.

[*Committee.*—Samuel Boyd Tobey, Gilbert Congdon, William C. Taber, Samuel Boyce, Gideon C. Smith, Samuel Austin, Charles R. Tucker, David Buffum, Stephen A Chase, William A. Robinson, John D. Lang, Alden Sampson.]

The Committee on our concern for the Penobscot and Passamaquaddy tribes of Indians made the subjoined report, which is acceptable and approved by us, and the Committee is continued under appointment and encouraged to give attention to this interesting concern, that these tribes may feel that we still regard them and are disposed to do them good.

"TO THE YEARLY MEETING :—

The Committee on the ancient concern of this Meeting for the encouragement and improvement of the Passamaquoddy and Penobscot

Indians, report, that while we have not been unmindful of the object of our appointment, way has not opened during the past year for much active service, further than to confer with a few of their number, and also with their Representatives while in attendance of the Legislature at the Capitol of the State of Maine. They appeared better satisfied with the action of the authorities, and had fewer grievances to complain of than usual. We think they continue slowly to improve in their condition. Schools have been continued a portion of the year among both tribes. The sum \$50 appropriated last year has not yet been drawn; we would recommend its being left under the care of a Committee, and that the Yearly Meeting continue its concern for the Indians.

On behalf of the Committee,

STEPHEN JONES,
JAMES VAN BLARCOM.

NEWPORT, 15th 6th month 1864."

[*Committee.*—John D. Lang, Stephen Jones, Joseph Taber, Nathan Douglass, Allen Wing, Caleb Nichols, Samuel Taylor, Eli Jones, Alfred H. Jones, Henry T. Wood, James Van Blarcom, George Richardson and Joseph Estes.]

Having, at different sessions of this Meeting, been introduced into much feeling interest on account of those now being relieved from the bondage of slavery; and the subject now being freshly brought before us, while we have been comforted by the report of the Meeting for Sufferings, showing that there have been liberal donations by members of this Meeting, very generally, during the past year for their relief, yet believing that more efficient aid may be extended to these poor people, for whom we felt deep sympathy while in their bonds, by a definite organization, we appoint the following Friends, residing in our several Quarterly Meetings, to act as a Committee on our behalf; and they are requested to adopt such measures as they may deem best adapted to carry into effect the concern of this Meeting, viz :

Gilbert Congdon, George Bowen, Joseph Cartland, of North Providence; Nathan Breed, of Lynn; Moses Huntington, Moses Sawyer, Samuel Rodman, William C. Taber, Stephen Dillingham, Lemuel Jones, Oliver Robinson, Henry M. Minott, Edward Earle, Richard Battey, Timothy K. Earle, Samuel Foster, Eli Jones, Thomas

B. Nichols, Amos D. Purinton, Timothy B. Hussey, Stephen Beede, Alden Sampson, Charles M. Bailey, William Farr, Ezekiel Varney, Jr., Samuel Boyce, Gideon C. Smith, William Chace, Charles F. Coffin, James Cartland, Joseph Taber, Joshua Douglas, Henry T. Wood, Jonathan L. Slocum, Perez Peck, Greely Dow, and Samuel Gifford.

Adjourned to 4 o'clock to-morrow afternoon.

FIFTH DAY AFTERNOON, the 16th, the Meeting again convened pursuant to adjournment.

Representatives present as yesterday.

Falmouth Quarterly Meeting informs that Durham Monthly Meeting proposes the appointment of Nathan Douglas, as correspondent of that Meeting, in place of Thomas Jones, deceased, with which this Meeting unites; address South Durham, Maine.

By the Epistle from New York, we are informed that King Rider has been appointed correspondent of Cromwell Monthly Meeting, in place of James T. Greene, released; address Cromwell, Orange Co., N. Y.; and David Bell, correspondent of Rochester Monthly Meeting, in place of Silas Cornell, deceased.; address Rochester, Monroe Co., N. Y.

Iowa Yearly Meeting informs that the correspondents of that Meeting are Daniel Fry; address Oskaloosa, Mahaska Co., Iowa, Willet Dorland, Salem, Henry Co., Iowa; Aaron Street, Hesper, Winneshick, Co., Iowa; William E. Andrews, New Providence, Harden Co., Iowa.

The newly appointed Monthly Meeting correspondents are for Minneapolis Monthly Meeting—William R. Smith; address Minneapolis, Minnesota.

For Baraboo Monthly Meeting, Solomon Cook, Oaks, Sank Co., Wisconsin.

For Centre Monthly Meeting, John Pickering, Newton, Jasper Co., Iowa.

The Committee to attend to the distribution of a reprint of 3,500 copies of the London General Epistle, report that the service has been attended to and that they are ready to be received by the Representatives.

The Clerk is directed to sign, on our behalf, the following minute for our friend David Hunt, and similar ones for our

friends Enos G. Pray, Jonathan Devoll, Cornelius Douglass, Aaron L. Benedict, William Jenkins, Rebecca Collins, Elizabeth L. Comstock, Sarah M. Hiatt, Eliza Brewer, Sarah Ann Linton and Ruth C. Hall, viz :

“Our beloved friend David Hunt, attended this Meeting. His company and religious services have been acceptable to us.”

The Clerk is also directed to sign on our behalf, the following minute from our friend Stephen Wood, and similar ones for our friends Mary Jane Devoll, Margaret Hunt, Lucinda Hadley, Calvin Crane, Deborah P. Crane, Elisha H. Purington, Naomi E. Purington, Elijah Haworth, Homer Betts, Eliza H. Varney, Phebe H. Benedict, and Phebe N. Douglass, viz :

“Our beloved friend Stephen Wood, attended this Meeting. His company and solid deportment have been acceptable and satisfactory to us.”

The Committee for the purpose propose the names of the following friends to constitute a Meeting for Sufferings, for the ensuing year, who, being satisfactory to this Meeting, they are appointed accordingly and requested to act on our behalf in relation to any subject that may claim their attention according to discipline and usage of that Meeting, and report to this Meeting next year, viz :

David Buffum, Perez Peck, Joseph Metcalf, Samuel Boyd Tobey, John D. Lang, Samuel Boyce, Joseph Taber of Albion, Timothy C. Collins, Stephen Jones, David K. Aikin, Stephen A. Chase, William Farr, William C. Taber, Tobias Meader, Micajah C. Pratt, Alden Sampson, William A. Robinson, Stephen Beede, Gilbert Congdon, Richard Battey, Henry M. Minott, Elisha Jones of Windham, John Page, Charles R. Tucker, Lemuel Gifford, Nathan Breed of Lynn, George Bowen, Newell Hoxie, David Kelley, Moses Huntington, Edward Earle, and Joseph Cartland of North Providence.

An appeal on behalf of the Kansas tribe of Indians addressed to this Meeting by a Committee of Western Yearly Meeting, was now read. We feel that this interesting subject is deserv-

ing the kind attention of Friends, and we commend it to their benevolent feelings. Contributions may be forwarded to Robert W. Hodson, Plainfield, Hendricks Co. Indiana ; Jeremiah Hadley, Mooresville, Morgan Co., Indiana, or Mahlon Stubbs, Council Grove, Morris Co., Kansas. And as a little evidence of our sympathy in this concern, our Treasurer is requested to pay from our treasury one hundred dollars for this object.

The Committee on Correspondence presented essays of Epistles to our dear brethren of London, Ireland, New York, Baltimore, North Carolina, Ohio, Indiana, Western and Iowa Yearly Meetings, which being approved the Clerk is directed to sign them on our behalf and forward them to those Meetings respectively.

The Clerk is requested to cause 2,500 Copies of the minutes of this Meeting for the present year to be printed and forwarded to subordinate Meetings to be placed in all the families of Friends in this Yearly Meeting.

The interesting and important concerns of the Church which have engaged our attention are now satisfactorily disposed of in true harmony and love. We desire to commemorate the mercy that has been extended to us, and, under feelings of deep solemnity, realizing that it is not to be expected that we shall all ever meet again on earth, we part in close unity and christian love,—purposing again to assemble at the usual time next year, if the Lord permit.

SAMUEL BOYD TOBEY, *Clerk.*

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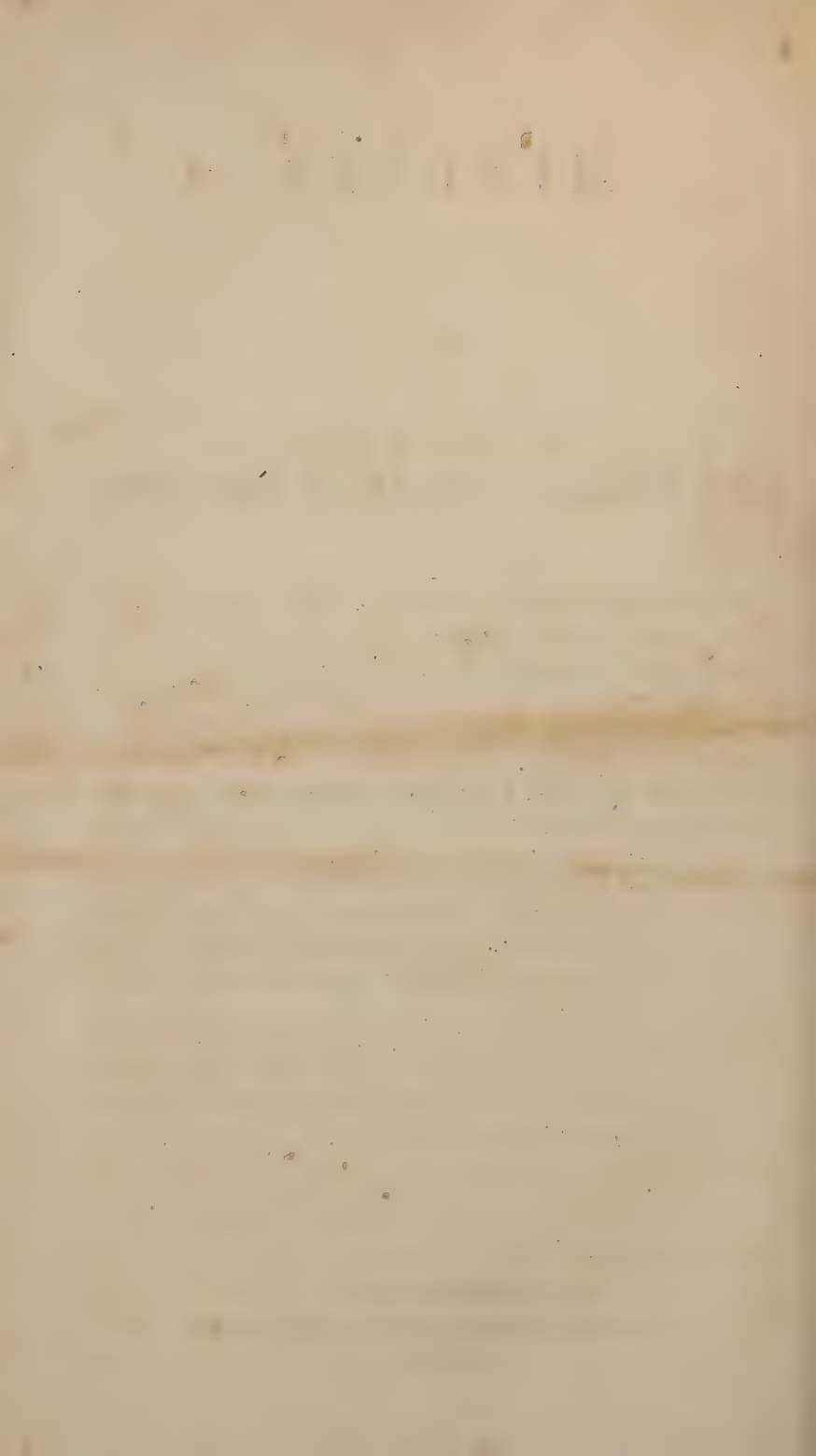
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MINUTES.

AT the Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England, held on Rhode Island, commencing with public meetings for worship at Newport and Portsmouth, on First day the 11th, and at Newport, for discipline, on Second day morning, the 12th of 6th month, 1865.

By the reports received from our Quarterly Meetings, it appears that the following Friends have been appointed Representatives to this Meeting, viz. :—

From RHODE ISLAND—David Buffum, Perez Peck, Samuel Boyd Tobey, Abner Slade, Timothy C. Collins, Gilbert Congdon, William A. Robinson, Thomas Harkness, William S. Richardson and Obadiah Chase :

From SALEM—Nathan Breed of Lynn, Newell Ordway, Stephen A. Chase, Ephraim Leighton, John Paige, Samuel Boyce, Daniel Beede, Nathan Breed of Weare, and Micajah C. Pratt :

From SANDWICH—David K. Akin, William C. Taber, Calvin Shepherd, Moses Smith, George W. Francis, Matthew Howland and Rufus Shearman :

From FALMOUTH—Henry M. Minott, Joshua Douglas, Abram Winslow, George Douglas, George Tuttle, Nathan Pope, Ezekiel Varney, Jr., Cyrus Cartland, Amos F. Lunt and Robert Cook :

From SMITHFIELD—Edward Earle, Samuel H. Colton, Thomas Grover, Nelson Taft, David Babcock and Anthony Chase :

From VASSALBORO—John D. Lang, Eli Jones, Francis Jones, John C. Varney, Caleb Nichols, Joseph Taber, Alfred H. Jones, Stephen Jones, Jonathan Estes, William Gifford and Philip Dinsmore :

From DOVER—John Estes, Oliver Meader, Tobias Meader, Joseph Tuttle and William P. Tuttle :

From FAIRFIELD—Alden Sampson, Amos Bailey, Noah Farr, Charles M. Bailey and Moses Bailey :—

whose names being called, they were present except four, for the absence of two of whom sufficient reasons were given.

We have, at this Meeting, the acceptable company of our beloved friend, William Green, who presented satisfactory testimonials from the Monthly Meeting of Lisburn, held 2d month 16th, 1865, the Quarterly Meeting of Ulster, and the Yearly Meeting of Ministers and Elders for Ireland, held in Dublin in the 5th month last.

We have also, at this Meeting, the acceptable company of our beloved friends, Daniel Barker, of Deep River Monthly Meeting, North Carolina ; Isham Cox, of Cane Creek Monthly Meeting, North Carolina ; Joseph D. Hoag, of Salem Monthly Meeting, Iowa ; William Haughton, of Raysville Monthly Meeting, Indiana ; Isaac Jay, of Mississinawa Monthly Meeting, Indiana ; Robert Walter Douglass, of Clear Creek Monthly Meeting, Indiana ; Edward M. Dorland, of Scipio Monthly Meeting, New York ; Seneca Hazard, of Ferrisburg Monthly Meeting, New York ; Levi Knowles and Henry Jewell, of Farnham Monthly Meeting, New York ; Mary M. Miller, of Spring Creek Monthly Meeting, Iowa ; and Caroline E. Talbot, of Smithfield Monthly Meeting, Ohio. Certificates from their respective meetings, expressive of unity with them as ministers and with their present religious engagements, were presented.

Our beloved friends, William R. Taber, of Scipio Monthly Meeting, a minister who accompanies our friend Edward M. Dorland ; Rhoda Jay, an Elder, accompanying her husband,

Isaac Jay ; Ruth Binns, an Elder, companion to our friend Caroline E. Talbot, and Louisa M. Thompson, an Elder of Bloomington Monthly Meeting,—presented satisfactory testimonials from their several meetings.

Our friends, Charles S. Hubbard, companion to William Haughton ; Cyrus G. Pringle, companion to Joseph D. Hoag ; Seneca Stephens, companion to Levi Knowles ; Achsah M. Hazard, accompanying her husband, Seneca Hazard ; and John N. Miller, accompanying his wife, Mary M. Miller,—being with us, presented minutes from their respective monthly meetings, expressing unity with them as members and with their present engagements.

We have also, at this Meeting, the acceptable company of our beloved friend, Francis T. King, who presented a minute of Baltimore Monthly Meeting, expressing unity with him as an Elder, and with his religious concern to attend this Yearly Meeting.

The General Epistle of London, for the year 1864, has been now read. The Meeting was deeply interested, and, we trust, edified by its salutary contents, and we feelingly commend it to the solid attention of our subordinate meetings, and to our individual members, and appoint our friends William C. Taber and Charles R. Tucker to cause a reprint of 3500 copies to be placed in the hands of the Representatives to be conveyed to our meetings, and through them to Friends generally.

Truly acceptable epistles from our brethren of the Yearly Meetings of London, Ireland, New York, Baltimore, North Carolina, Ohio, Indiana, Western, and Iowa were received. In these communications, our friends on both sides of the Atlantic, have been afresh brought to our remembrance, with a comforting feeling that we are one wherever located, and that in unity there is strength—and being engaged to reciprocate these salutations of love, we appoint the following friends to prepare, as way may open for it, essays of epistles to those several Meetings, and present them to a future sitting, viz: Samuel Boyd Tobey, John D. Lang, Henry T. Wood, David Buffum, Samuel Boyce, John Paige, Moses H. Beede, Obadiah Chase, Wm. C. Taber, Newell Hoxie, Gilbert Congdon, Jonathan L. Slocum,

Alden Sampson, Alfred H. Jones, Lemuel Jones, David Dudley, Samuel Gifford, Thomas B. Nichols, Joseph Hoag, Albert K. Smiley, Newell Ordway, Isaac R. Gifford, Edward Earle, James G. Arnold, Charles R. Tucker, Charles M. Bailey, Thomas Grover, Richard Battey, Stephen Jones, Joseph Metcalf and Moses Bailey.

Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting informs that it has united with Swansey Monthly Meeting, in the appointment of Esther Chase to the station of Elder. Beriah Collins, an Elder and member of Greenwich Monthly Meeting, deceased the 4th of 6th month, 1864, aged 92 years 4 months and 10 days, and Anna Howland, an Elder and member of the same meeting, died 4th month 27, 1865, aged 64 years, 2 months and 7 days.

Salem reports that it has united with Weare Monthly Meeting, in the appointment of Mary B. Paige to the station of Elder, and with Seabrook Monthly Meeting, in the appointment of Josiah D. Challis to the same station; that it has also united with Salem Monthly Meeting in approving the public appearances in the ministry, of Ruth D. Page, who has since, on the 28th day of 4th month, departed this life, aged 39 years and 5 months; that Miriam Newhall, an Elder and member of Salem Monthly Meeting, died 9th month, 11th, 1864, aged 77 years, and that Enoch Page, an Elder and member of the same Meeting, deceased 3d month, 29th, of the present year, aged 75 years and 4 months.

Sandwich informs that Ruth Davis, a Minister and member of New Bedford Monthly Meeting, deceased 9th month 2d, 1864, aged 86 years, 4 months and 12 days; and that William Gifford, a Minister and member of Sandwich Monthly Meeting, departed this life on the 18th of 2d month, 1865, aged 86 years, 10 months and 26 days.

Falmouth reports that it has united with Durham Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Elizabeth A. Douglas, to the station of Elder.

Smithfield informs that it has united with Smithfield Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Nelson Taft to the station of Elder.

Vassalboro has united with Unity Monthly Meeting, in appointing Jane A. Varney to the station of Elder.

Dover reports that it has united with Sandwich Monthly Meeting, in the appointment of Paul Hoag, to the station of Elder ; that Phebe H. Meader, an Elder and member of Dover Monthly Meeting, died 12th month, 20th, 1864, in the 49th year of her age, and that Elizabeth Varney, an Elder, and member of the same meeting, deceased, 5th month, 26th, 1865, aged 73 years, 10 months and 11 days.

Fairfield informs that Olive Wing, an Elder, and member of Sidney Monthly Meeting, deceased, 8th month, 5th, 1864, aged 75 years and twenty days.

Adjourned to 4 o'clock, this afternoon.

Afternoon, met according to adjournment.

Stephen Jones, on behalf of the Representatives, reported that they had conferred together, and were united in proposing Samuel Boyd Tobey for Clerk, and Charles R. Tucker for Assistant, which being satisfactory to this Meeting, they are appointed to those services for the ensuing year.

The Records of this Meeting for last year were now read.

The Report of the Boarding School Committee, was laid before us, and read ; and the reported condition of the School, and the proceedings of the Committee during the past year, are satisfactory to this Meeting. The Friends, now under appointment, are continued for another year, to co-operate with a similar Committee of Women Friends, in the Superintendence of the School ; and they are requested and empowered to determine the prices that shall be charged after the expiration of the present term, according to the necessities of the School, as they may be developed hereafter ; giving information of their conclusion to our Monthly Meetings, at as early a day as practicable. The Committee are desired to report to this Meeting next year.

“TO THE YEARLY MEETING :

Dear Friends : The Committee appointed to Superintend the Boarding School during the past year, report : that, in the Summer Term of the School, there were in attendance, one hundred and twenty-three

pupils, viz: sixty-nine males and fifty-four females, and in the Winter term, one hundred and thirty, viz.: eighty-one males and forty-nine females.

The officers of the Institution have been,—Albert K. Smiley, Principal; Alfred H. Smiley, Associate Principal; Rebecca H. Smiley, Principal of the Female Department; John F. Rowell, Bessie T. Wing, Mary A. Cornell, and Amey E. Johnson, Teachers in the English Branches; Elijah Cook, Teacher of Mathematics; William B. Phillips, Teacher of Ancient and Modern Languages; and Mary A. Potter, Teacher of Drawing. Under this organization a satisfactory progress has been made in the varied departments of literary and scientific knowledge.

Meetings for worship have been regularly held at the School House on First day mornings, and have been seasons of solemnity and interest; and the scholars continue to attend Friends Meeting in the city, on First day afternoons and in the middle of the week. A knowledge of the Holy Scriptures has been promoted by daily readings, and exercises on the First day of the week, and the considerate and orderly deportment of the scholars generally, and the evidences afforded by not a few, of a growth in the highest knowledge, has afforded us much satisfaction.

The health of the inmates of the Institution has been remarkably good during the past year, which, under a blessing, we think may in part be attributed to the careful daily attention to gymnastic exercises.

By the report of the committee to examine and settle the accounts of the Institution, it appears that the whole income for the past year exceeds the amount expended, Thirty-one hundred and twenty-five dollars, (\$3,125).

By a circular minute from our Meeting for Sufferings held at Lynn, in the 8th month last, all of our Monthly Meetings were informed of the decision of that Meeting to advance the price for tuition; and the rates then established took effect on the beginning of the Winter term as follows:—For members of this Yearly Meeting, \$100 per term; For members of other Yearly Meetings, and where one or both parents are members of our religious Society, or scholars are sent at the charge of such, \$130 per term; and for any others who may be admitted, \$160 per term. The same additional charges of five dollars for Latin and Greek, French, German and Drawing, as heretofore. It was with reluctance that the apparent necessary increase in the price was resorted to, and we desire that it may be reduced at the

earliest possible time ; but as we are not now prepared to make any definite suggestions, we would propose to the Yearly Meeting, to commit the subject to the Committee that may be entrusted with the charge of the Boarding School for the ensuing year, to make such timely changes as may appear best, upon mature consideration, and after further developments of the cost of provisions, &c.

In conclusion we gratefully believe that our Boarding School is increasing its means and opportunities of usefulness. We are, however, solemnly reminded, that all our blessings are dependent upon the Father of Mercies. May not, therefore, all who are interested, unite in the desire that His favor and protection may be continued from generation to generation, through Him who is head over all things to the Church ?

Signed on behalf and by direction of the Committee,

GILBERT CONGDON, *Clerk.*

Boarding School, 5th Month, 9th, 1865.

NOTE.—Summer term for 1865 closes 9th Mo. 27th.

Winter term for 1865, opens, 11th Mo. 1st, 1865,

Closes, 3d Mo. 21st, 1866.

Summer term for 1866, opens, 5th Mo. 2d.

REGULATIONS OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

As the number that can be admitted into the School is limited, it is necessary that the committee should be seasonably informed of all in this Yearly Meeting that desire to occupy places in the School, in order that they may determine how many others, if any, may be received. Application should therefore be made for members of our Yearly Meeting, in season to be laid before the committee at their meetings held in the *third* and *ninth* months. At these meetings, applications for members of our Yearly Meeting will have precedence of all others, after which they will be considered in the order in which they are received.

Applications for the benefit of the "charitable fund," or of "the Jacob Metcalf donation," will also be determined at the times above specified, and in all these cases, information is desired of the age, moral habits and literary acquirements of the applicants, to aid the committee in deciding upon them.

It is expected, and earnestly desired, that *all* the scholars shall be at the School punctually, at the commencement of the term, for the prompt organization of classes ; but if circumstances occur to prevent such attendance, notice is to be forwarded to the Principals within one week of that time, stating whether or not their places are desired to be

reserved for them. A failure to attend the School, or to give the notice above specified, will be considered a relinquishment of the privilege, unless again admitted by the committee; and in all cases of pupils being admitted for the term and attending the School, it is expected that payment will be made for the term.

Friends of pupils, and all others, visiting the School, will be expected to defray the expense arising therefrom to the Institution.

All applications for admission are to be made to the Principals.

Address,

ALBERT K. SMILEY,
Principal Friends Boarding School,
Providence, R. I.

[*Committee.*—Samuel Boyd Tobey, Gilbert Congdon, William C. Taber, Samuel Boyce, Gideon C. Smith, Samuel Austin, Charles R. Tucker, David Buffum, Stephen A. Chase, William A. Robinson, John D. Lang and Alden Sampson.

Susan Howland, Rhoda H. Taber, Sarah F. Tobey, Ann Elmira Lang, Eliza B. Boyce, Mary A. Smith, Dorcas B. Robinson, Dorcas F. Tucker, Sarah T. Sampson, Ann B. Earle, Anna T. Dennis and Rebecca C. Kinsman.]

Our several Quarterly Meetings report, that they have paid, or directed to be paid to our Treasurer, their several quotas of the sum directed to be raised, by this Meeting, last year; and we appoint our friends, Wm. A. Robinson, James Dennis, Micajah C. Pratt, Thomas Folsom, Isaac R. Gifford, Matthew Howland, Henry M. Minott, Joseph Cartland, Edward Earle, Richard Battey, Stephen Jones, John D. Lang, Amos D. Purinton, William Penn Tuttle, Moses Bailey and Alden Sampson, to settle the Treasurer's account, propose a sum to be raised by this Meeting the present year, and the name of a Friend for Treasurer.

They are also requested to consider the subject of the proper apportionment of the sums to be paid by the several Quarterly Meetings—agreeably to a proposition contained in the account received this year from Smithfield Quarterly Meeting.

Dover Quarterly Meeting informs that it has united with Berwick Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Isaac Varney correspondent, in place of Benajah Buffum deceased—address North Berwick, Maine.

We appoint our friends William A. Robinson, John Paige, David K. Akin, Lemuel Jones, David Babcock, Thomas B. Nichols, John Estes and Noah Farr, to prepare a summary of the Answers received and present it at our next meeting.

Adjourned to 10 o'clock to-morrow morning.

Third day morning, the 13th, the Meeting assembled pursuant to adjournment. The representatives present as yesterday.

By the Report from Dover Quarterly Meeting, we are informed that William Hussey appeals from the decision of that Meeting confirming the judgment of Berwick Monthly Meeting, in his case—whereupon we appoint our friends Gideon C. Smith, Joseph Metcalf, Nathan Breed of Lynn; Thomas Folsom, William C. Taber, David K. Akin, Joseph Cartland, George P. Day, Anthony Chase, Richard Battey, Joseph Taber, Philip Dinsmore, Reuben T. Jones and Alden Sampson, to hear the parties, and report their judgment to a future sitting of this Meeting.

The meeting now solemnly proceeded to consider the state of society, by reading the Answers to the Queries as presented by the several Quarterly Meetings, and having proceeded therein to the 2d, inclusive, adjourned to the 4th hour in the afternoon, when Friends again convened, and completed the reading of the Queries and Answers.

During the whole course of this interesting service, a lively sense of the condescending love of the blessed Head of the Church was witnessed, and we were tendered and edified together. Our dear absent brethren were remembered with deep solicitude and earnest were our desires for their good. As has been the case from year to year, the Answers confessed, at this time, to continued deficiencies in the high and holy duty of all to assemble for the purpose of worship and praise to our Father in Heaven. We were forcibly and affectionately reminded that a want of love to God—a feebleness in our devotion to Him—a lack of a true sense of our dependence upon Him, were the real causes of our neglecting to meet together to worship Him. He that remembers that from Him proceeds every good thing; that we are entirely powerless, of ourselves, to command a sin-

gle blessing; that it is of His goodness we are not consumed; he that contemplates the mercies of the Lord to the children of men—the matchless provisions of His grace, in the free pardon of all our sins, proffered to us through Him who loved us and gave himself for us,—cannot fail in humble gratitude to bow and to adore—to rejoice to go into His house and to offer unto Him thanksgiving and praise.

We were reminded of the judgments upon those who withhold from the Lord the first fruits of their increase, and tenderly invited to bring all the tithes into His store-house and prove Him therewith, and see if He will not open the windows of Heaven and pour out upon us the fullness of His blessing.

Many were the feeling testimonies of those present, who have known, in their own experience, that the Lord is good, to the blessedness of our meetings for worship, when we meet in His name and in His power; when we come together to find Jesus, because we love Him; when we look unto Him as the Minister of Ministers of the true tabernacle pitched of God; when we are engaged to sit at His feet to hear the gracious words that proceed out of His mouth, even as Mary did, whom He commended for choosing the good part that should not be taken from her. We feel that a want of dedication in the service of God, by assembling to worship Him, is a reproach upon us, and the plaintive query arises, when shall it be removed? When will we be wise and think upon our latter end? When will we become the true servants of Jesus? When will we delight to do the will of the Lord? Then shall we worship Him in the beauty of holiness; then shall we keep the first and great commandment—loving God supremely; and the second will be alike regarded—loving our neighbor as ourselves. We shall dwell in love—dwelling in God and He in us. Then can we pray, “forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us,” and he who loveth not his fellow man, for whom Christ died, cannot availingly pray unto Him whose great attribute is love. Love is the vital air of Heaven, and he who loves not here, can never enter there. There yet remain Faith, Hope, Charity—and the greatest of these is Charity.

While the Answers to the 3d Query comfort us by the ex-

pression of the belief that the Holy Scriptures are frequently read in our families, yet there has been with us a living exercise that we might fully appreciate the unspeakable privilege of having free access to this message of God to man—this revelation of His will—this communication of the way of salvation through our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Friends were tenderly encouraged not to neglect the *daily* practice (so often recommended by this Meeting) of collecting their families and vocally reading a portion of the Holy Scriptures, looking reverently unto the same spirit that gave them forth, that their blessed truths may be opened to our understanding. And as we rightly engage in this service it will not only be felt to be a *privilege*, but we shall know the divine blessing to attend it. We may witness a near access unto our Father in Heaven, and often be enabled to bend the knee and availingly put up a simple, heart-felt prayer, with our loved ones around us; and the dedicated example of the parent will be blessed to the tender child, and, in after years, and in the hour of temptation, these seasons may be preserveringly remembered.

The duty of parents rightly to train their children, and to order their households in the authority of the truth, was impressively dwelt upon, and Friends were encouraged to faithfulness herein, although, in the exercise of this authority, they may sometimes be required to restrict their children from some indulgences which, at the time, may be trying to their inclinations; but afterwards the wisdom of the decision will be apparent, even to the dear child, and a blessing will rest upon this exercise of parental restraint.

We were comforted by the evidence that, during another year of desolating war, our members have been, in good measure, preserved in a consistent maintenance of our christian testimony to the peaceableness of the Gospel dispensation. The horrors of active war have now, we trust, nearly ceased in our land, for which we are engaged to return unto our Father in Heaven our reverent, grateful thanks. We bless Him that He has stayed the devastations of the sword and quenched the effusion of blood.

We mourn the violent death of our beloved Chief Magistrate, the late Abraham Lincoln, by the hands of wicked men. We

acknowledge the deep debt of gratitude due from us, as a religious society, to him for his tender regard to our conscientious scruples against bearing arms ; but feeling it is not for us to scan the ways or understand the purposes of the Almighty, our faith and confiding trust in Him who is perfect in wisdom sustain us under this terrible calamity to our country.

The effects of the awful strife are still fearfully apparent, calling for our tender sympathy and the open hand of help. Many are the broken-hearted mourners to whom we should be engaged to administer comfort, and to commend to the one unfailing source of consolation ; and let us be concerned to dwell in that spirit which is pure, peaceable, gentle, easy to be entreated, full of mercy and good fruits. Thus shall we know preservation ourselves, and be a blessing to our fellow men.

The following is a summary of the answers received :—

SUMMARY.

Answer 1st. All our meetings for religious worship and discipline have been attended, except seventeen, including one for discipline, mostly small. One other small meeting a few times and several by only one member each, (funerals, inclement weather, sickness and other meetings mostly assigned as reasons.) On First days, by Friends generally ; mid-week meetings and those for discipline much neglected by some ; hour generally observed ; mostly clear of unbecoming behavior, except some instances of sleeping ; some care taken.

Ans. 2d. Love and unity maintained in good degree ; detraction mostly avoided, yet, in some cases, not sufficiently guarded against. Care has been taken to end differences when they have appeared.

Ans. 3d. Most Friends careful to bring up those under their direction in plainness ; to restrain from pernicious reading and corrupt conversation, though some deficiencies are admitted,—mostly good examples herein themselves ; some deficiency in one answer. The Holy Scriptures, we believe, are frequently read in Friends' families.

Ans. 4. The use of spiritous liquors confined to medicinal purposes, as far as appears, except in three instances which are under notice. The unnecessary frequenting of places of public resort mostly avoided. Moderation and temperance observed on the occasions referred to.

Ans. 5th. The circumstances of the poor are attended to, and their education provided for. None placed out that we know of.

Ans. 6th. A number of instances of marrying out of the order of Society, most of which are under care.

Ans. 7th. A few instances of contributing to the support of a paid ministry, and a number of cases of a military nature, most of which are under notice.

Ans. 8th. Careful in the several parts of this query, except some deficiency reported in two meetings.

Ans. 9th. Not quite clear as to records; a number of removals without certificates, a part of which are under notice.

Ans. 10th. Care is taken to deal with offenders, though not at all times so seasonably as might be best, and to place judgment, when necessary, according to discipline.

Adjourned to 10 o'clock, to-morrow.

Fourth day morning, the 14th, the Meeting assembled according to adjournment. The representatives present except five.

The Committee appointed last year to attend to the concern of this Meeting for the colored people who have been held in bondage and are now entering upon a life of freedom, presented the subjoined Report, which has been deeply interesting and truly satisfactory to this Meeting, evidencing close attention, on the part of the Committee, to the purpose of their appointment, and that a blessing has rested upon their labors. The propositions contained in the report, especially in regard to erecting suitable buildings for tenements for the use of the freedmen, and for the accommodation of day schools, &c., are approved, and Friends are encouraged to continue to contribute liberally for the support and extension of our mission now established in Washington, which is evidently the right field of labor for this Yearly Meeting at the present time. The Committee now under appointment, with the addition of our friends Edward W. Howland and Benjamin Buffum, (who have acted efficiently, by request of the Committee, during the past year,) are continued and desired to give their attention to this interesting concern and report to this Meeting next year.

"TO THE YEARLY MEETING.

The Committee appointed to promote efforts for the relief and improvement of the Freed People of color, report,—

That upon our appointment last year, and before leaving this Island, it was determined to appoint a small committee of our number, upon whom the executive duties of our organization should devolve; who were requested 'to obtain information relative to the most pressing necessities of these people, to guide and direct friends in their labors in their behalf, to receive and dispose of contributions of money, clothing or other articles, as may be most needed, and generally to promote the physical and educational interests of the Freedmen.'

The Executive Committee early concluded to make thorough investigation of the condition and needs of these fugitives, in North Carolina, Virginia and the District of Columbia; and in the eleventh month, after a careful examination had been made, Washington and its vicinity were fixed upon as the principal field of operation for Friends of New England. A sub-committee was at once appointed, to take measures for the establishment of a mission in the suburbs of that city.

This committee purchased nine lots of land on Thirteenth street, at a cost of \$2448, on a portion of which they erected a store, 55 by 20 feet, and enclosed a wood-yard in the rear, at an outlay of \$1000. This store is kept supplied with goods adapted to the wants of the Freedmen, which are sold to them at cost, employing a capital of over \$2000. All this is under the superintendence of our friend William A. Sampson, who, from the first, has devoted himself with zeal and energy to the task he has undertaken, and with very satisfactory results. The weekly sales have steadily increased from the commencement; the receipts for the five months it has been in operation being a little over \$14,000. This committee also obtained the services of Eli Jones and Lavinia H. Jones, for a few months, who devoted themselves to the arduous duties of daily visits among the people, distributing clothing and bedding, dispensing little comforts to the sick and needy, and administering consolation and encouragement to the faint-hearted and sorrowing; and we believe that these early efforts and valuable service of Eli Jones were highly instrumental in securing the confidence of the Freedmen in the objects of the mission, and his labors and kindly advice and sympathy are still in their grateful remembrance.

Sarah E. Wall, who has served gratuitously from the opening of the

mission, has been a self-sacrificing and faithful laborer, in ameliorating the condition of these destitute and suffering people. The committee gratefully acknowledge the valuable services of our friend, Eliza Hull, as superintendent of the Sewing School, whose untiring efforts in this important branch of the mission, have been, it is believed, of incalculable benefit to many poor women. Pamela C. Varney has also labored acceptably as a volunteer assistant in this department.

From information obtained through the detailed reports of our committee, we have deemed it advisable for New England Friends, while distributing generously to these people, in the hour of great need, to provide also remunerative employment for those who are able to work, in order, as soon as possible, to render them self-sustaining. With this view, it was decided at the expiration of three months, to open work-shops where they could be taught different branches of handicraft, such as basket-making, straw-braiding, &c.; and the services of our friends Richard and Abby S. Battey, were secured as superintendents. Upon the land purchased by the committee, were some large rough buildings, erected by government, and used as a hospital for the Freed people. These buildings, when vacated, were at our solicitation, kindly assigned by Secretary Stanton, for the use of the mission; and, having been fitted up in a convenient manner, a part of the rooms are occupied by the family, and the remainder for First day and evening schools, work shops, sewing and distributing rooms, &c. Herbert E. Sherman and Sarah Carey have very kindly devoted a few weeks to giving instruction in the work-rooms. We believe that the superintendents and other agents have labored faithfully to promote the best interests of the people, physical, moral, social and spiritual; and the result of these efforts is satisfactory and encouraging to the committee. From time to time, during the past winter, the Executive Committee have rendered so full and detailed accounts of the progress of the work, that it seems unnecessary to extend this report further than to inform of the present state of the mission. The store will be kept open during the summer, by William A. Sampson, assisted by George W. Phillips and William Willis, a faithful colored man, but two years free. Richard and Abby S. Battey and Sarah E. Wall, desiring to return North for the summer, the evening school, work-shops and sewing-room will be closed. Pamela C. Varney will remain for the present in charge of the housekeeping.

We find a feeling prevails to some extent, that, since the war has closed, and the immediate cause of the flocking of fugitives to Washington no longer exists, our efforts on their behalf may be relaxed

This we believe to be an erroneous impression. A very large number are likely to remain at the Capital, at least for the present and their situation still calls for strong efforts, not only to relieve their physical wants and give them the rudiments of school learning, but to furnish that varied instruction so necessary on their entrance to a free life ; to train their minds to self-reliance ; impress upon them the idea that *freedom means freedom to work for themselves and those dear to them* ; and then give them the opportunity to learn different branches of labor. Many of them will probably return to the South, at some future day ; and we regard this an additional inducement to use every effort for their improvement, that each, as he returns to his former home, may act, to some extent, as a missionary there. We would, therefore earnestly recommend that Friends continue to interest and exert themselves to this end ; that the store for their accommodation be kept up ; that, with the coming autumn, the work-shops be re-opened, and supplied with material ; that funds be liberally furnished for the use of the industrial schools ; and that Friends continue to collect and forward second-hand clothing and bedding ; also that teachers be employed to open a day-school in the vicinity of our labors, and that the necessary funds be raised for the maintenance of the large family at the mission house. Another measure which has claimed our attention, we are desirous of commending to the notice of Friends. We allude to the plan of building a number of small, but comfortable, tenements for the Freed people, which may be rented to them, upon the payment of monthly installments, until cost, interest and insurance are liquidated, when a title may be acquired by the occupants. In several respects, the measure would benefit these people. The acquisition of a title to a freehold however small, so incompatible with their former condition, is now their great desire, and, while furnishing an inducement to labor for its accomplishment, it would, it is believed, at the same time, have an elevating tendency, raising them to the claims and responsibilities of citizenship. The miserable cabins now tenanted by them, at an exorbitant rent, are comfortless and unhealthy, inducing sickness of various kinds, which is undermining the constitutions of their occupants, already impaired by their life of slavery and subsequent exposure in their flight. The favorable consideration of the General Government for this enterprise, repeatedly manifested, has been encouraging to the Committee. In addition to the assignment of the Hospital buildings before alluded to, the Mission received, at the solicitation of Eli Jones, the liberal donation of fifty cords of wood, which, during a very inclement season, and at a time of scarcity of fuel in

Washington, was a valuable acquisition to its means of usefulness.

In reviewing our efforts for the past year, in behalf of these suffering and degraded sons and daughters of oppression, it is gratifying to believe that the interest of the great cause has been promoted by the separate organization of Friends of New England; that the efforts of our members for its advancement have been largely increased thereby; and we acknowledge the cordial coöperation by which we have been sustained by Friends generally, in our labors, and also our belief that the blessing of our Heavenly Father has rested upon this undertaking.

On behalf of the Committee,

HENRY T. WOOD, Clerk."

AUDITOR'S REPORT.

The committee to prepare a report of the contributions to the Freedmen, since our last Yearly Meeting, present the following statement:

RECEIVED.

From Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting, from all sources..	\$	8,569	72
Salem	"	"	3,937 53
Sandwich	"	"	10,387 78
Smithfield	"	"	669 42
Dover	"	"	1,395 40
Falmouth	"	"	568 09
Vassalboro	"	"	897 36
Fairfield	"	"	726 19

Total amount from all Quarterly Meetings...\$27,151 49

Of the above amount it appears that there has been

raised in cash.....\$19,820 42

And in clothing, including a few farming utensils. 7,331 07

\$27,151 49

In a few instances the amount contributed is put down in the reports from the Meetings as cash and clothing, without stating what was the amount of each. In these cases it has been called clothing in the statement above. About \$1700 of the sum total is reported as having come from those not members of our Society. The number of garments is reported from nearly all our Meetings, and amounts to 6851.

About \$500 worth of the clothing is reported without giving the number of garments. The committee would recommend that Monthly

Meetings be careful to state separately, in their reports, the amount of money and clothing forwarded, whenever it can be done. In some instances they have been put together and the sum total of both has been given.

On behalf of the Committee,

SAMUEL BOYCE.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

The receipts have been,

From Smithfield Quarterly Meeting.....	\$ 471 42
Fairfield " "	251 05
Sandwich " "	5,887 00
W. A. Sampson, Collecting Agent... ..	817 28
Falmouth Quarterly Meeting.....	52 00
Vassalboro " "	30 00
Rhode Island " "	6,142 25
Salem " "	1,946 12
Dover " "	17 50
Eliza P. Gurney	100 00
Total receipts.....	\$16,714 62

The expenditures have been,

Cash paid to the Committee having charge of the Mission in Washington, Edward W. Howland, Chairman,	\$9,286 49
Expenses, Printing, &c.....	21 18
Total expeditures.....	\$9,307 67
Balance in the Treasury.....	\$7,406 95

LYNN, 6th month, 7th, 1865.

Signed

CHARLES F. COFFIN, Treasurer.

Expended for Mission at Washington,

For Purchase of land.....	\$2,448 00
Expended in building store.....	1,000 00
Stock of goods for store.....	2,000 00
Furniture, Stoves, &c.....	395 87
Wood.....	362 40
Paid Mission Agents, including Salaries and other ex- penses, up to 3d month, 15th.....	954 01

Lumber for repairs and alterations.....	275 31
Paid to Richard Battey for materials for work-shops, Expenses of various repairs and Family supplies	950 00
Cash in Bank at Washington.....	134 41
Total.....	<u>\$8,520 00</u>

On behalf of the Washington Committee,
Signed EDWARD W. HOWLAND, Chairman.

RECAPITULATION.

Amount acknowledged by Treasurer.....	\$16,714 62
Other cash contributions.....	3,105 80
In clothing &c., as per schedule.....	7,331 07
Total.....	<u>\$27,151 49</u>

DISBURSEMENTS.

Cash paid Washington Committee.....	\$8,520 00
Cash paid for boots and shoes.....	766 49
Goods sent for distribution and Industrial school.....	3,105 80
Clothing &c. distributed.....	7,331 07
Treasurer's expenses for printing, &c.....	21 18
Cash in hands of Treasurer.....	7,406 95
Total.....	<u>\$27 151 49</u>

NOTE.—In addition to the cash contributions above reported, a number of individuals have generously forwarded money to our Agents in Washington, for the various objects of the Mission, which has been faithfully appropriated, and their donations are gratefully acknowledged.

[Committee—Gilbert Congdon, George Bowen, Joseph Cartland, of North Providence; Nathan Breed, of Lynn; Moses Huntington, Moses Sawyer, Samuel Rodman, William C. Taber, Stephen Dillingham, Lemuel Jones, Oliver Robinson, Henry M. Minott, Edward Earle, Richard Battey, Timothy K. Earle, Samuel Foster, Eli Jones, Thomas B. Nichols, Amos D. Purington, Timothy B. Hussey, Stephen Beede, Alden Sampson, Charles M. Bailey, William Farr, Ezekiel Varney, Jr., Samuel Boyce, Gideon C. Smith, William Chace, Charles F. Coffin,

James Cartland, Joseph Taber, Joshua Douglas, Henry T. Wood, Jonathan L. Slocum, Perez Peck, Greely Dow, Samuel Gifford, Edward W. Howland, Benjamin Buffum, Sarah F. Tobey, Ruth B. Gifford, Gertrude W. Cartland, Rebecca C. Kinsman, Eliza B. Boyce, Abigail M. Hanson, Anna G. Wood, Mercy K. Wing, Gulielma W. Howland, Phebe Pope, Jane C. Minot, Esther Nichols, Phebe A. Marble, Phebe S. Marsh, Ann B. Earle, Lydia P. Fry, Rachel B. Nichols, Peace Jones, Lydia E. Jenkins, Huldah S. Buffum, Lois J. Greene, Eunice W. Farr, Sarah T. Sampson, Fanny Pinkham, Sarah H. Anthony, Dorcas B. Robinson, Elizabeth Breed, Abigail S. Battey, Susan G. Kempton, Cynthia J. Earle, Ann Maria Coffin, Ruth J. Challis, Eliza P. Varney, Cynthia Bowen, Mary Slade, Caroline Hazard, Elizabeth C. Wing, Lavina Huntington, Electa Jane Collins, Maria Buffinton, Hannah Gove, Elizabeth Potter, Amey S. Anthony, Anna Cartland, Mary C. Foster, Martha Austin, Gulielma Freeborn, Mary B. Wing, Sarah Slade, Abby W. Pratt, Ann Elmira Lang, Hannah Page, Susan Taber, Susan Gifford, Lydia B. Dow, Mary Metcalf, Anna T. Dennis, Celinda Metcalf, Alice Cornell, Charity G. Dillingham, Abby C. Gifford, Ruth H. Baker, Martha C. Pratt, Roanna W. Grover, Susan Cartland, Jane Pope and Ellen K. Buffum.]

The Records of the Meeting for Sufferings, for the past year, were laid before us and read, and the proceedings of that meeting are satisfactory, and approved by this Meeting, and the Friends now under appointment are continued to compose a Meeting for Sufferings for the ensuing year, to act on our behalf, on such matters as have usually claimed the attention of that Meeting, according to our Discipline.

[Members of Meeting for Sufferings :—David Buffum, Perez Peck, Joseph Metcalf, Samuel Boyd Tobey, John D. Lang, Samuel Boyce, Joseph Taber of Albion, Timothy C. Collins, Stephen Jones, David K. Akin, Stephen A. Chase, William Farr, William C. Taber, Tobias Meader, Micajah C. Pratt, Alden Sampson, William A. Robinson, Stephen Beede, Gilbert Congdon, Richard Battey, Henry M. Minott, Elisha Jones of Windham, John Paige, Charles R. Tucker, Lemuel Gifford, Nathan

Breed of Lynn, George Bowen, Newell Hoxie, David Kelley, Moses Huntington, Edward Earle and Joseph Cartland of North Providence.

In accordance with a proposition from the Meeting for Sufferings, the Treasurer of the Yearly Meeting, is requested to execute a bill of sale of the Meeting House at Wolfboro', to the purchaser of the same.

Adjourned to 4 o'clock this afternoon.

Afternoon met by adjournment.

By the Records of the Meeting for Sufferings, it appears that a communication from the Meeting for Sufferings, of our brethren of Baltimore Yearly Meeting, had been received, setting forth the distress of our beloved friends, in some portions of North Carolina Yearly Meeting, occasioned by the ravages of the war, to which a response had been promptly made, by a voluntary subscription, on the part of some of our members; and the subject being now again brought before us, and the feelings of Friends being deeply interested, and much sympathy expressed, we appoint our friends William Dame, Jonathan Freeborn, Samuel R. Buffington, Joseph H. Atwater, Abel F. Collins, William S. Boyce, Joel H. Davis, Moses Sawyer, Gideon Wood, Abner Potter, Nathaniel Gifford, Prince G. More, Nathan T. Shepherd, Matthew Howland, Adrian Davis, Henry M. Minott, Cyrus Cartland, Nathan Pope, Abram Winslow, Richard Battey, Timothy K. Earle, Greely Dow, Thomas B. Nichols, Francis Jones, Timothy Hanson, Ira T. Jenkins, Oliver Meader, Hiram B. Gould, Alden Sampson, Levi Wing, Benjamin G. Shepherd, Levi Jones, Caleb M. Paine, Cyrus H. Cartland and Joseph M. Hanson, to call upon Friends, now in attendance of this meeting, and also in their several neighborhoods, to contribute in their freedom for the relief of our North Carolina Friends. The sums raised to be forwarded to our friend Charles R. Tucker, New Bedford, Mass., (who is requested to act as Treasurer) to be by him remitted to our friend Francis T. King, to be disbursed by Friends of Baltimore Yearly Meeting, in such manner as they may deem will best promote the object, for which, the funds are contributed. The committee are requested to report to this Meeting, next year.

The Committee of this Meeting, continued under appointment last year, presented the following Report, and in accordance with the suggestion contained in it, we now release the Committee, earnestly commending our dear friends in all our Meetings to the safe guidance and sure protection of the Head of the Church.

“TO THE YEARLY MEETING:—

The Committee appointed to visit Subordinate Meetings, as way might open for, and labor for the restoration of love and unity, and for the promotion of the cause of truth, have met, several times, during the year, and have endeavored to give such attention to the object of their appointment as appeared to be required, and they are now of the judgment that it may be safe to release them from further service.

ISAAC R. GIFFORD,
JOHN D. LANG,
SAMUEL BOYCE,
NEWELL HOXIE,
SAMUEL BOYD TOBEY,
CHARLES R. TUCKER,
GILBERT CONGDON,
JOHN PAIGE.

Newport, 6th Month 14th, 1865.”

The Committee on the concern of this Meeting, for the Penobscot and Passamaquady tribes of Indians, presented the following Report, which is acceptable, and the same Committee are continued under appointment, and requested to manifest to these tribes, that we continue still to feel an interest in their welfare, and the Committee are authorized to draw \$50 from our Treasury and apply it to their benefit, should they deem it desirable to do so.

“TO THE YEARLY MEETING:—

The Committee appointed on the concern of this Meeting for the improvement of the Penobscot and Passamaquady tribes of Indians. report:—

That several of their number arranged to visit a portion of these tribes during the year, but circumstances prevented its accomplishment. We learn, however, that they continue gradually to improve in their

Agricultural and Industrial interests. Their numbers remain about the same as when last reported. The schools supported by the State of Maine, in each tribe, have been continued as heretofore. The sum of Fifty dollars placed at the disposal of the Committee, has not yet been appropriated, and we would suggest that the Committee be left at liberty to draw this amount from the Treasury the ensuing year, for the benefit of the Indians.

On behalf of the Committee,

STEPHEN JONES,
JOHN D. LANG.

Newport, 6th Month, 14th, 1865.

[*Committee.*—John D. Lang, Stephen Jones, Joseph Taber, Nathan Douglas, Allen Wing, Caleb Nichols, Samuel Taylor, Eli Jones, Alfred H. Jones, Henry T. Wood, James Van Blarcom, George Richardson and Joseph Estes.]

The Committee to settle the Treasurer's account and for other purposes made the following report, which is received and adopted by this meeting. We accordingly appoint our friend David Buffum Treasurer, and the several Quarterly Meetings are requested to raise and forward to him their respective quotas of three thousand dollars, according to the apportionment now established.

"TO THE YEARLY MEETING:—

The committee to settle the Treasurer's account, &c., report that they have attended to their appointment, and find a balance due the Treasurer of Four hundred eighty-two Dollars and four cents, and propose that Three thousand Dollars be raised for the use of the Meeting, and David Buffum for Treasurer.

And they further report that they have agreed on the following apportionment to each Quarterly Meeting, viz :

To Rhode Island,	Twenty-five per cent.,	25
To Salem,	Twenty " "	20
To Sandwich,	Twenty-five " "	25
To Falmouth,	Five " "	5
To Smithfield,	Five " "	5
To Vassalboro,	Seven " "	7

To Dover	Four per cent.	4
To Fairfield	Nine “ “	9
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Newport, 6 Month 14th, 1865,

JAMES DENNIS,
for the Committee.”

The subject of the revision of our discipline by reference from last year claiming our solid attention, it is the judgment of this meeting that the time has not arrived to enter upon this work ; and the subject is discharged from present consideration, in much unity and brotherly condescension.

The Committee on the Correspondence are requested to prepare returning minutes for our friends present from other Yearly Meetings.

Adjourned to 4 o'clock to-morrow afternoon.

Fifth day afternoon, the 15th.—The Meeting again assembled according to adjournment. The representatives present as yesterday.

The Committee on Education presented the subjoined report, which is satisfactory and encouraging, and the committee are continued under appointment, with the addition of Benjamin G. Shepherd and Prince G. More, and we desire to strengthen their hands in the interesting work in which they are engaged. The committee are specially requested to attend carefully to ascertaining with accuracy the number of members within this Yearly Meeting, and subordinate meetings are desired to render such aid in this respect as the committee may require.

“TO THE YEARLY MEETING :—

The Committee on the subject of Education have endeavored to discharge the duties assigned them by the Yearly Meeting, and are encouraged in believing, by information received from the different portions of this Yearly Meeting, that, with the assistance of Monthly Meeting committees and other interested friends, they have accomplished much during the past year, by encouraging the guarded, religious and literary education of our youth and children.

Members of the committee have attended the annual examinations of the various institutions of learning under the care of Friends within the limits of this Yearly Meeting, and are prepared to give them our hearty approval.

The subject of scriptural instruction has largely engaged our attention, and although the returns show an increase of but four schools over the number reported in 1863, the attendance is much larger, and their efficiency much improved.

The committee have had interesting meetings during the sessions of the Yearly Meeting, and the evidence is abundant and conclusive that First day schools are exerting a decidedly beneficial influence upon our religious society; and we are happy to be able to state, that there are hopeful evidences that many have been awakened to an increased dedication of heart by means of this instrumentality. By direction of the committee, circulars were forwarded to each Monthly Meeting, and the following statistical information has been received, which we submit to the Yearly Meeting.

On behalf of the Committee,

SAMUEL GIFFORD, Clerk."

The number of Friends' children in the Yearly Meeting		
between the ages of 5 and 21 years, is	-	1,038
The number of Monthly Meeting Schools,	-	2
The number of Preparative Meeting Schools,	-	2
The number of Family Schools,	-	5
The number of Friends' children who have attended		
school the past year,	-	836
The number who have attended school taught by Friends		
or under their control,	-	250
The number of our members engaged in teaching the		
past year,	-	132
The number obtaining an education at Academies and		
Colleges not under the care of Friends,	-	51
The number of First Day Schools under the care of		
Friends,	-	54
Average length of time these Schools are kept,	-	8 months.
The number of scholars attending these Schools,	-	1,552
The " of Friends attending the same,	-	775
The " of teachers engaged in them,	-	205
The " of Bible Classes,	-	40

The number attending Bible Classes,	- - -	671
The " of Friends attending Bible Classes,		482

[*Committee.*—Joseph E. Macomber, Solomon R. Knowles, Samuel Austin, Abel F. Collins, Samuel Gifford, Nathan Breed of Weare, John H. Crossman, Robert L. Brown, Edward W. Ewer, Nathan T. Shepherd, Matthew Barney, Isaac R. Potter, Adrian Davis, Charles Taber, Isaac Steere, Nathan Babcock, Timothy K. Earle, George Douglas, Henry M. Minott, Nathan Pope, Silas H. Cartland, Thomas B. Nichols, Eli Jones, Jedediah J. Varney, Amos D. Purinton, Albert C. Buffum, George Varney, George Richardson, Levi Jones, Joseph S. Hawkes, Benjamin G. Shepherd and Prince G. More.

Women's Committee.—Cynthia Bowen, Gulielma Freeborn, Elizabeth A. Congdon, Mary D. Collins, Mary Slade, Lydia P. Chase, Elizabeth Page, Mary T. Gove, Elizabeth C. Wing, Ruth A. Shepherd, Lydia Swain, Huldah B. Gifford, Rebecca A. Church, Susan Taber, Abigail S. Battey, Lydia B. Dow, Abigail Wheeler, Jane C. Minott, Salome J. Goddard, Lydia M. Pope, Anna H. Cartland, Rachel B. Nichols, Sybil Jones, Jane H. Varney, Anna M. Evans, Eliza P. Varney, Sarah Hoag, Hannah R. Wing, Mary J. Page and Zilpha Shepherd.]

The Committee to attend to the distribution of a reprint of 3,500 copies of the London General Epistle report that they have attended to that service.

The Committee upon the appeal of William Hussey from the confirmation by Dover Quarterly Meeting of the decision of Berwick Monthly Meeting, disowning him as a member of our religious Society made the following report, and in conformity therewith the decision of Berwick Monthly Meeting is reversed. David Buffum and George Douglas are appointed to inform the appellant of the conclusion of this meeting, and the Committee of Dover Quarterly Meeting to represent that meeting here, in this case, are requested to communicate the same information to said meeting.

“TO THE YEARLY MEETING NOW SITTING:—

The committee appointed in the case of appeal of William Hussey against the judgment of Berwick Monthly Meeting and Dover Quarterly Meeting, report : That they have fully heard the testimony of the parties in the case to their declared satisfaction, and after a careful consideration of the subject have come to the conclusion that Berwick Monthly Meeting was not warranted, by our discipline, in disowning William Hussey on the grounds alleged in the complaint of the overseers of that meeting, and they therefore recommend that the judgment of that Monthly Meeting be reversed.

Newport, 6 mo. 13, 1865.

GIDEON C. SMITH,
JOSEPH METCALF,
WM. C. TABER,
DAVID K. AKIN,
JOSEPH CARTLAND,
GEORGE P. DAY,
ANTHONY CHASE,
RICHARD BATTEY,
REUBEN T. JONES,
JOSEPH TABER,
ALDEN SAMPSON,
NATHAN BREED.”

A lively and interesting Testimony of Durham Monthly Meeting, approved by Falmouth Quarterly Meeting, concerning our late beloved friend Thomas Jones, has been read, and is directed to be recorded. His memory is precious to us, and we desire that his exemplary and christian life may be emulated by all of us.

We are informed, in the Epistle from New York Yearly Meeting, that that Meeting has granted the privilege to the Friends composing the Quarterly Meetings of Pelham, Yonge Street and West Lake, of holding a Yearly Meeting at Pickering, Canada West, to be opened on the last sixth day in the sixth month, 1867, if approved by the other yearly meetings. The proposition claimed the solid consideration of this meeting, and was freely united with, and the Clerk is directed to append this

minute to our Epistle of the present year addressed to New York Yearly Meeting.

The Committee on Correspondence presented essays of Epistles to our dear brethren of the Yearly Meetings of London, Ireland, New York, Baltimore, North Carolina, Ohio, Indiana, Western and Iowa, which being approved, the Clerk is directed to sign them on our behalf, and forward them to those meetings respectively.

The Clerk is directed to sign, on our behalf, the following minute, viz:

To the Monthly Meeting of Lisburn, the Quarterly Meeting of Ulster and the Yearly Meeting of Ministers and Elders for Ireland held in Dublin.

DEAR FRIENDS :

Our beloved friend William Green attended this meeting and presented certificates from your several meetings expressive of your unity with him as a Minister of the Gospel and with his present religious engagement.

His company, his religious services and his evident engagement to wait in humble dependence for direction and qualification from his divine Master to move in His service, have been acceptable and edifying to us, and we crave that he may continue to know the Good Shepherd to lead, to preserve and comfort him, and that when he shall have discharged his whole duty on this side the Atlantic he may be favored to return in safety to you, in the sweet enjoyment of the peace of Christ.

The Clerk is directed to sign on our behalf the following minute for our friend Daniel Barker, and similar ones for our friends Isham Cox, Joseph D. Hoag, William Haughton, Isaac Jay, Robert Walter Douglas, Edward M. Dorland, Seneca Hazard, Levi Knowles, Henry Jewell, William R. Taber, Caroline E. Talbot and Mary M. Miller, viz:

“Our beloved friend Daniel Barker attended this meeting. His company and religious services have been acceptable to us.”

The Clerk is directed to sign on our behalf the following minute for our friend Francis T. King, and similar ones for our friends John N. Miller, Charles S. Hubbard, Cyrus G. Pringle,

Seneca Stevens, Rhoda Jay, Ruth Binns, Louisa M. Thompson and Achsah M. Hazard, viz :

“ Our beloved friend Francis T. King attended this meeting. His company and solid deportment have been acceptable and satisfactory to us.”

The Clerk is directed to cause 2,500 copies of the Minutes of this Meeting to be printed and distributed among the families of Friends.

Gratefully acknowledging that our present Yearly Meeting has been a continued season of divine favor, under which we have been enabled to dispose of the various weighty and important subjects connected with the welfare of the Church that have claimed our attention in love and harmony, now with a humble sense of the great mercy extended to us, we separate in close unity, proposing to meet again in this place at the usual time next year, if the Lord permit.

SAMUEL BOYD TOBEY, Clerk.

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MINUTES.

At the Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England, held on Rhode Island, commencing with public meetings for worship at Newport and Portsmouth, on First day the 10th, and at Newport for discipline, on second day morning the 11th of 6th month, 1866.

By the Reports received from our several Quarterly Meetings, it appears that the following Friends are appointed Representatives to this Meeting, viz :

From RHODE ISLAND—David Buffum, Perez Peck, Samuel Gifford, Levi Almy, William A. Robinson, Gideon C. Smith, Thomas Harkness, Obadiah Chase and Joseph H. Atwater.

From SALEM—Daniel Beede, Samuel Boyce, Thomas Folsom, Nathan Breed of Lynn and John Page.

From SANDWICH—Joseph Grinnell, William C. Taber, Rufus Shearman, George Almy, Daniel Davis, Calvin Shepherd, Newell Hoxie, David K. Akin, Stephen Dillingham, Isaac R. Gifford and Gideon Gifford.

From FALMOUTH—Henry M. Minott, Abram Winslow, Silas Cartland, George Douglass, Charles W. Webber, Calvin S. Goddard, Joshua Douglass, Lemuel Jones and Charles A. Nichols.

From SMITHFIELD—James G. Arnold, John Barnes, Amos W. Collins, Reuben A. Wheeler, Timothy K. Earle and Isaac Steere.

From VASSALBORO'—John D. Lang, Caleb Nichols, Francis Jones, Eli Jones, William Taber, Thomas B. Nichols, Daniel Cook and Joseph Taber.

From DOVER—Stephen Beede, Benjamin Scribner, Joel Roberts, Jacob K. Purington and Daniel Meader.

From FAIRFIELD—Moses Bailey, Charles F. Coffin, William Farr, Paul Wing, Isaac Warren Hawkes and Reuben T. Jones,

whose names being called they were all present, except three, for whose absence sufficient reasons were assigned.

We have, at this Meeting, the acceptable company of our beloved friends, John L. Eddy, David H. Bennett, Lewis Bedell, and Elizabeth L. Comstock, from New York Yearly Meeting; Samuel Bettle, from Philadelphia Yearly Meeting; John Scott and Deborah C. Thomas, from Baltimore Yearly Meeting; Jesse T. Hartley and Rebecca T. Updegraff, from Ohio Yearly Meeting; Jacob Hadley and Benjamin Fulghum, from Indiana Yearly Meeting, and of Eli Jessup, from Iowa Yearly Meeting. Satisfactory certificates from their respective Meetings, expressive of unity with them as Ministers, and with their present religious engagements, were received.

We have also the acceptable company of our beloved friends, Mary Eddy, accompanying her husband, John L. Eddy, Maria Willets, companion to our friend Deborah C. Thomas, and Lucinda Hadley, accompanying her husband, Jacob Hadley, and satisfactory testimonials from their several Meetings, expressing unity with them as Elders and with their present engagements, were presented and read.

Our beloved friend, Mary B. Jessup, accompanying her husband, Eli Jessup, is in attendance of this Meeting, and a minute from Spring Creek Monthly Meeting, expressing unity with her as a member, and with her present engagement, was read. We have also the company of our beloved friend, Hannah G. Pettit, as companion to our friend, Rebecca T. Updegraff, and a satisfactory testimonial on her behalf was received from a committee of Short Creek Monthly Meeting.

The general Epistle from London Yearly Meeting of 1865, was brought before us and read. We are touched, and we trust,

edified with the excellent counsel contained in it, and in order that our friends generally may have the privilege of perusing it, we appoint our friends William A. Robinson and William C. Taber to attend to the distribution of a reprint of 3750 copies, and we affectionately recommend to friends not only to attend themselves to the wise, practical advice contained in it, but to give it such public circulation among those not members of our religious society as way may open for.

We are in receipt of affectionate and truly acceptable Epistles from our dear brethren of Ireland, New York, Baltimore, North Carolina, Ohio, Indiana, Western and Iowa Yearly Meetings, and reciprocating this manifestation of unity and Christian interest, we appoint the following friends to prepare Essays of Epistles to these several Meetings, and also to London, whose Epistle of the present year has not yet reached our hands, and present them to a future sitting of this Meeting, viz., David Buffum, Samuel Boyd Tobey, John D. Lang, Eli Jones, William C. Taber, David K. Akin, Samuel Boyce, Obadiah Chase, John Paige, John Barnes, John Milton Earle, Isaac R. Gifford, Richard Battey, Joseph Hoag, Stephen Jones, Thomas Grover, Thomas B. Nichols, James G. Arnold, Benjamin H. Jones, Stephen Beede, Henry T. Wood, William A. Jones, Newell Hoxie, Gilbert Congdon, Charles B. Cates, William Taber, Joseph Cartland, Newell Ordway, William A. Robinson, Stephen Dillingham, John G. Whittier and Charles R. Tucker.

By the Reports from the Quarterly Meetings, it appears that *Rhode Island* has united with Providence Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Hannah F. Peckham to the station of Elder. Jonathan Dame, an Elder and member of Rhode Island Monthly Meeting, deceased 10th month 31st, 1865, aged 79 years, 6 months and 10 days.

Hannah C. Robinson, a Minister and member of Swansea Monthly Meeting, died 7th month 31st, 1865, aged 76 years, 11 months and 27 days.

Salem informs that it has united with Seabrook Monthly Meeting in approving the public appearances in the Ministry of Daniel Beede, and in the appointment of Soviah Folsom to the station of Elder; that Martha Meader, a Minister and member

of Seabrook Monthly Meeting, departed this life on the 31st of 10th month, 1865, in the 78th year of her age.

Sandwich reports that Huldah Gifford, a Minister and member of Sandwich Monthly Meeting, deceased 12th month 12th, 1865, aged 84 years, 4 months, 28 days; and that Anna E. Almy, an Elder and member of Dartmouth Monthly Meeting, died 1st month 31st, 1866, aged 66 years, 3 months and 18 days.

Falmouth reports that it has united with Durham Monthly Meeting in acknowledging the gift and approving the public appearances in the Ministry of Calvin S. Goddard; that Eunice Day, a Minister and member of the same Meeting, deceased 4th month 5th, 1866, aged 52 years, 5 months and 9 days; and also, that Charity Crossman, an Elder, died on the 5th of 5th month, 1866, aged 80 years, 2 months and 4 days.

Smithfield reports that it has united with Smithfield Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Abigail S. Battey and Lucy G. Payson to the station of Elder; that Lydia Gates, an Elder and member of Bolton Monthly Meeting, died 11th month 19th, 1865, aged 92 years, 5 months and 17 days; and that Phebe S. Pond, an Elder and member of Uxbridge Monthly Meeting, deceased 1st month 25th, 1866, aged 68 years, 4 months and 10 days.

Vassalboro reports that it has united with China Monthly Meeting in discontinuing the appointment of Henry Carey to the station of Elder, with Vassalboro Monthly Meeting in appointing Elijah Cook and Hezekiah Pope, with China Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Benjamin Frye and William A. Jones, and with Unity Monthly Meeting in appointing Robert Hanson and Sarah Hanson to the station of Elder. James Van Blarcom, a minister and member of China Monthly Meeting, died 7th Month, 12th, 1865, aged 47 years 11 mo. 18 days. Nathan Mower, an elder, died 8th Month, 7th, 1865, aged 89 years 6 months. Anna Cates, a minister, died 10th Month, 25th, 1865, aged 66 years 8 mo. 15 days; and Edmund Whitehouse, an Elder, deceased 1st Month, 10th, 1866, aged 82 years 5 mo. 12 days; all members of Vassalboro Monthly Meeting.

Fairfield informs of the decease of Daniel Shepherd, an El-

der, and member of St. Albans Monthly Meeting, 5th Month, 29th, 1864, aged 64 years 1 month and 12 days.

Adjourned to 4 o'clock this afternoon.

AFTERNOON.—Met according to adjournment.

David Buffum, on behalf of the Representatives, reported that they had conferred together, and were united in proposing Samuel Boyd Tobey for Clerk, and Charles R. Tucker for Assistant Clerk for the present year, which being satisfactory to the Meeting, they are appointed to those stations.

The Committee in charge of our Boarding School presented the subjoined report, which is acceptable to this Meeting, and the propositions contained therein are approved and adopted, and the Committee now under appointment is continued, to unite with a similar committee of the Women's Meeting, to exercise a care over the Institution on our behalf and report to this meeting next year, viz :—

“TO THE YEARLY MEETING:

DEAR FRIENDS,—The Committee appointed to superintend the Boarding School, during the past year, report, that in the summer term of the School there were in attendance one hundred and ten pupils, viz : sixty-seven males and forty-three females ; and in the winter term, one hundred and sixty-four, viz.: ninety-nine males and sixty-five females.

The officers of the Institution have been, Albert K. Smiley, Principal ; Alfred H. Smiley, Associate Principal ; Rebecca H. Smiley, Principal of the Female Department ; John F. Rowell, Bessie T. Wing, Mary A. Cornell and Amey E. Johnson, teachers in the English branches ; Elijah Cook, teacher of Mathematics ; William B. Phillips, teacher of ancient and modern Languages ; and Mary A. Potter, teacher of Drawing. Under this organization, which has continued the same as it was at our last report, the interests of the Institution, in every respect, have received careful and satisfactory attention.

Meetings for worship have been regularly held at the School house, on First day mornings ; and we reverently trust, through Divine mercy, these religious opportunities have been blessed. The scholars continue to attend Friends' Meeting, in the city, on First day afternoons and in the middle of the week. The Holy Scriptures have been daily read in a collective capacity, and a knowledge of their invaluable contents has been further promoted by class exercises.

The health of the inmates of the Institution has been uncommonly good during the past year. Careful and regular gymnastic exercises have continued to claim the attention of the officers of the schools. On the 12th of 8th month, one of the pupils, Eugene Ball, son of Nicholas Ball, of New Shoreham, R. I., fell from a tree receiving internal injury which resulted in death about eight hours after. The following minute concerning this impressive event was made on our records: 'We note, with feelings of solemn interest, the information conveyed in the report from the Principal, of the sudden removal from time to eternity of a dear pupil. While we sympathize with the afflicted family of the deceased, we are comforted in the trust, that through the mercy of God in Jesus Christ, their sore bereavement is his great gain.'

By the report of the Committee to examine and settle the accounts of the Institution, it appears that the whole income for the past year exceeds the amount expended by five thousand dollars, which enables us to propose a reduction in the prices of admission.

Under the authority given us by the Yearly Meeting last year, we forwarded in the 9th month, copies of a printed circular to all of our Monthly Meetings, informing of a reduction in the rates of admission, which took effect at the beginning of the winter term, as follows, viz.: 'For members of our Yearly Meeting, \$65 per term; for members of other Yearly Meetings, and when one or both parents are members of our religious Society, or scholars are sent at the charge of such, \$100 per term, and for any others who may be admitted, \$150 per term. The same additional charges of five dollars for Latin and Greek, French, German, or Drawing, as heretofore.'

The subject of the present division of the school year into two terms, with vacations of nearly equal length in the spring and autumn, has claimed our careful consideration. This arrangement continues the school in operation during all the warm season of the year, when study cannot be pursued advantageously, nor without the risk of affecting the health. From many parents we have received the expression of a desire that a change might be made, and, as far as we know, it would be satisfactory to all. After mature deliberation, we have come to the conclusion to propose to the Yearly Meeting that the academical year in 1867 should commence on the first Fourth day in the ninth month, and continue twenty weeks, to be succeeded by a second period of twenty weeks, after a recess of two weeks. It is very desirable that the pupils should enter for the full year, as they would receive much greater proportional advantages than by continuing but half of the time. While we earnestly recommend this course, when practica-

ble, we do not propose at present that it should be made obligatory, but that liberty should be granted for withdrawal from the school at the commencement of the recess, when application is made therefor at the time of admission. The ensuing year must necessarily be exceptional. The present term closes on Fourth day, the 26th of 9th month, and the school re-opens on Fourth day, the 31st of 10th month; and we propose it should continue sixteen weeks, and, after a recess of two weeks, re-assemble and continue sixteen weeks more, closing on Fourth day, the 26th of 6th month, 1867.

The charge for the ensuing school year of thirty-two weeks we propose should be as follows, one-half payable at the commencement of the school, and one-half at the re-opening after the recess, viz.: For members of our Yearly Meeting, \$96; for members of other Yearly Meetings, and when one or both parents are members of our religious Society, or scholars are sent at the charge of such, \$150; and for any others who may be admitted, \$240. An additional charge of \$10 for instruction in Latin and Greek, French, German, or Drawing.

Applications for admission into the school for the next school year, should be made seasonably for the meeting of the Committee, on the 25th of 9th month next. Those who are members of our Yearly Meeting will have precedence of all others, after which applications will be considered in the order in which they are received. Those who desire the benefit of the 'Charitable Fund,' or of the 'Jacob Metcalf Donation,' should apply at the time above specified; and in all these cases information is desired of the age, moral habits, and literary acquirements of the applicants. Applications for admission are to be made to the Principals. Address, Albert K. Smiley, Principal of Friends' Boarding School, Providence, R. I.

In a review of the past year, we do gratefully acknowledge that we have had evidence that our Heavenly Father has remembered us, and that the Institution continues to be a blessing to many.

Signed on behalf of the School Committee.

GILBERT CONGDON, Clerk.

Providence, 5th month 8th, 1866."

[Committee.—Samuel Boyd Tobey, Gilbert Congdon, William C. Taber, Samuel Boyce, Gideon C. Smith, Samuel Austin, Charles R. Tucker, David Buffum, Stephen A. Chase, William A. Robinson, John D. Lang and Alden Sampson.

Susan Howland, Rhoda H. Taber, Sarah F. Tobey, Ann Elmira Lang, Eliza B. Boyce, Mary A. Smith, Dorcas B. Robinson, Dorcas

F. Tucker, Sarah T. Sampson, Ann B. Earle, Anna T. Dennis and Rebecca C. Grinnell.]

Our several Quarterly Meetings report that they have given the necessary attention to raising the stock directed by this Meeting last year, and the following friends are appointed to settle the Treasurer's account, consider the sum proper to be raised the present year, and propose the name of a friend for Treasurer—and report to a future sitting of this Meeting, viz: William A. Robinson, Thomas Folsom, Charles R. Tucker, Henry M. Minott, Timothy K. Earle, Josiah Philbrook, Tobias Meader and Levi Jones.

We appoint the following friends to prepare a summary to the answers to the queries, and present it at our next sitting, viz:—Gideon C. Smith, John Paige, David Kelley, Samuel Jones, Samuel H. Cotton, Charles B. Cates, Stephen Beede and William Farr.

Adjourned to 10 o'clock to-morrow morning.

THIRD DAY MORNING, the 12th, the Meeting again assembled. The Representatives present as yesterday.

We are informed by Fairfield Quarterly Meeting that Charles E. Robbins appeals from the decision of that Meeting, confirming the judgment of Litchfield Monthly Meeting in his case, and that they have appointed a Committee to represent the action of that Meeting. The Committee are present in this Meeting, but the appellant not appearing to prosecute his appeal, the case is not proceeded in, but left to be disposed of according to Discipline.

The meeting now proceeded, under, we trust, a solemn covering of good, to the consideration of the state of society by commencing the reading of the Queries and Answers, and having proceeded therein to the 2d, inclusive, adjourned to the 4th hour in the afternoon—when Friends again convened and read the remainder of them. During this engagement we have had evidence of the presence of the Great Head of the Church. Faithful responses from our subordinate meetings have, as in former times, given evidence of our fallibility—of our weakness—of our continued need of Divine help. The two great

commandments relative to love to God and love to man—on which our Lord declares hang all the Law and the Prophets—are the basis of our first two Queries. Our meetings for worship are held to manifest our sense of our dependence upon and our allegiance to our Father in Heaven. We go up to these to bow ourselves in His presence—to pray unto Him to forgive us our sins and blot out our transgressions from his book of remembrance—to commune in spirit with Him—to adore and to bless His holy name; and when we feel that we are utterly poor and dependent upon him—that He *gave* life and that He alone *preserves* life—that He openeth His hand and we are filled with blessings—that He shuts it and we wither, the plaintive query arises, how can we withhold from Him the reasonable service of worship and praise. Deep has been the exercise of this meeting that there might be none of our number that do not feel it to be a *privilege* to worship the God of Heaven—none that cannot adopt the language of the Psalmist, “I was glad when they said unto me, come let us go into the House of the Lord,”—and it was earnestly and convincingly set before us that our meetings would prove attractive and edifying to all if we assembled in the true love of God and were engaged to hold them in His power. His promise is sure that He will draw nigh unto them that draw nigh unto Him. It has been abundantly verified that when the few or the many meet in the name of Jesus, He will be with them and will minister by his own hand, or by instruments that He will appoint, to their necessities. The language of encouragement was freely offered to those who feel solitary and very much alone, to attend all their religious meetings, and thus manifest their love to our Heavenly Father. God is love—how sweet the thought—and they that dwell in Him dwell in love; and if we love Him we shall love our neighbor. If the first commandment is kept, the second cannot be broken. If love fills our hearts it will flow to our brethren. We shall be preserved from every approach towards detraction. Love will always beget love; it will subdue all hardness toward us in others, and evil will be overcome by good. “If a man’s ways please the Lord all his enemies shall be at peace with him.” We were earnestly counselled, carefully to observe the directions

of the Head of the Church in our course towards a brother that offends against us.

The answer to the 3d query, in relation to the frequent reading of the Holy Scriptures in our families, indicates that this may not be observed so uniformly in *all* Friends' families as could be desired, and the meeting was introduced into a feeling exercise on this vital subject. From the earliest time in our history this religious Society has enjoined upon its members to be engaged to know the Holy Scriptures ; to receive them as able to make wise unto salvation through faith in Christ Jesus ; to ponder upon them ; to esteem them as a communication from God himself to man ; and we are now concerned again to entreat Friends, not only to read portions of them in their families *every day*, with a reverential pause at the close of the reading, for an opportunity to be afforded for any religious exercise that may rightly engage us, —but also that individually, in retirement, we may often turn to them, seeking prayerfully to know them to be opened to our understandings and sealed upon our hearts.

In dealing with those who offend against the order of the Church, while we desire that our wholesome discipline should be faithfully maintained, we crave that offenders may be visited in the “spirit of meekness and wisdom,” and in the restoring love of Christ ; that patience and proper forbearance may be exercised, and great care taken that, if it shall please the Lord to impress upon their spirits a sense of their error, there may be no estrangement produced in their minds, to prevent a return to us. “Brethren, if a man be overtaken in a fault, ye that are spiritual restore such an one, in the spirit of meekness, considering thyself lest thou also be tempted.”

The support of all our Christian testimonies, in their simplicity and in their purity, was earnestly enjoined ; and, although some of them may be viewed by some of our members as *minor* testimonies, yet we are fully convinced they are founded on immutable Truth and that it is not for us to neglect faithfully to maintain them, without bringing poverty to ourselves and lessening our influence for good upon our fellow men.

In the course of this Yearly Meeting, the duties we owe to our families, to our friends and to the world at large, have been

impressively spread before us. We have been affectionately reminded of the innumerable blessings which our Heavenly Father has poured out upon us, and for all of which we are responsible unto Him. He has bestowed upon every one of us gifts which we are to occupy. Nothing which we have received from His bountiful hand is to be neglected or suffered to perish from disuse. We are as accountable unto Him for the right employment of the one talent, as of the five. They come from the same source, and no pleading will avail before Him for neglecting to employ them. The measure of grace bestowed is increased,—our ability to serve Him is enlarged as we come to put our trust in Him. We need an increase of Faith. We need more fully to realize that He who gave us life still watches over us, and is ever a God near at hand, full of mercy and of love,—directing, comforting, keeping all who look unto Him for guidance and for help. These He qualifies, these He strengthens to do His will,—to keep His commandments. Searching has been the inquiry how far we, who are parents, have discharged our duties to our precious children. Have we sought for ability to lead them unto Jesus? Have we told them of His love in leaving the bosom of His Father and shedding His blood upon the Cross, a propitiatory offering for sin? Have we sought to fill their tender hearts with a sense of His love as a living Saviour in Heaven, now looking graciously upon them? Have we taught them that the Holy Spirit,—the Divine Guide,—the Heavenly Comforter,—is the voice that speaketh in their hearts; that brings grief when they do ill, that gives them peace when they do well? Have we shown them that *we* are trusting in Jesus for our own salvation? Have we bowed the knee before them in prayer? Have they witnessed the falling tear manifesting our tender solicitude for their eternal welfare? Do they behold in us, from day to day, a practical evidence that we love the Saviour,—that our trust is in Him,—that we are engaged to keep His commandments? Have we sought to cause them to feel that the invitation is to every one of them: “Come unto me;” and that the promise is sure: “him that cometh unto me I will in no wise cast out?” Have we assured them that as they listen to the voice of the Divine Comforter,—

as they ask for forgiveness of their sins,—they will be enabled to come unto Jesus, to love Him with all their hearts, and to know that He loves them; that His commandments are not grievous, that His yoke is easy, and that it is a joyous employment to serve Him? What father does not feel that, in all these duties, he has been, in greater or less degree, deficient, and does not realize that he himself needs to crave that pardoning mercy may be extended to him.

The language of entreaty and of encouragement has freely flowed to our beloved young men now attending this Meeting, to come to Jesus,—to give their hearts to Him, and now in early life to enter into covenant, in that ability and strength which He giveth, to do His commandments and to keep His words.

The following is a summary of the answers received, viz :

SUMMARY OF ANSWERS.

ANSWER 1st. All our meetings for Religious Worship and Discipline have been attended, except five, three of which were omitted on account of inclement weather; and one account states that there were some omissions, in a small remote Meeting, which is held on First day only. Meetings on First Days have been attended by Friends generally. Mid-week meetings and those for discipline are more neglected. The hour nearly observed. A few instances of sleeping are mentioned in all of the accounts, in some of which care has been taken. Clear of other unbecoming behaviour, except in one Monthly Meeting, in which some care has been extended.

2d. Love and unity are maintained, with a few exceptions. Most Friends are careful to guard against detraction. When differences have appeared, care has been taken to end them.

3d. Friends are generally careful to bring up those under their direction, in plainness, and to restrain them from pernicious reading and corrupt conversation, though some deficiencies are admitted. Mostly good examples themselves. The Holy Scriptures, we believe, are frequently read in nearly all Friends' families.

4th. The use of spirituous liquors appears to be confined to medicinal purposes, except in three instances, two of which are under notice. A few cases of attending places of public resort are reported. Moderation and temperance are observed on the occasions referred to.

5th. The circumstances of the poor are attended to, and their necessities relieved. The education of their children is provided for. None have been placed out.

6th. A few cases of marrying, out of the order of Friends, are mentioned, and also two or three instances of keeping company on account of marriage with those who are not members of our society,—most of which are under notice.

7th. A few instances are reported of contributing to the support of a paid ministry, and some cases of a military nature, in nearly all of which care has been taken.

8th. Friends are careful, in the several parts of this query, excepting some deficiencies mentioned in two accounts.

9th. Some deficiencies as to Records, and a few removals without certificates, are reported, some of which are under notice.

10th. Care has been taken to deal with offenders in good degree, as queried after, yet not so seasonably, in all cases, as would be best. Judgment appears to have been placed according to Discipline.

Adjourned to 10 o'clock to-morrow morning.

FOURTH DAY MORNING, the 13th, the meeting re-assembled according to adjournment. The Representatives present, except four.

The Committee to settle the Treasurer's account made the following report, viz :

“TO THE YEARLY MEETING —

The Committee appointed for the purpose have examined the account of the Treasurer, and find due him, six hundred and seventy-one $\frac{25}{100}$ dollars (\$671 $\frac{25}{100}$).

They propose that the sum of three thousand dollars (\$3,000) be raised by the Yearly Meeting, and the name of David Buffum for Treasurer, for the ensuing year.

WM. A. ROBINSON,

For the Committee.

Newport, 6th month 12th, 1866.”

And our several Quarterly Meetings are accordingly desired to raise their respective quotas of the sum proposed, (\$3,000) and pay the same to our friend David Buffum, whom we re-appoint our Treasurer for the ensuing year.

We have received from our dear brethren of Ohio Yearly Meeting an invitation to appoint a Committee to unite with Committees of other Yearly Meetings in conference at Baltimore, to deliberate upon the subject of adopting such measures as may be promotive of Peace among nations.

This interesting proposition claimed the solid consideration of this meeting; and the importance of bearing, in the most efficient manner, our christian testimony against War, especially at the present day, when a warlike spirit seems grievously to prevail, was solemnly felt, and we appoint our friends Samuel Boyce, William C. Taber, Gilbert Congdon, John Paige and Joseph Cartland, to meet with such friends of other Yearly Meetings as may convene at Baltimore, in the 10th month next, to consider of the best means to promote the cause of Peace, and to manifest to the world that our testimony against all War is founded on the clear teachings of the Gospel; and in adopting any measures to render this testimony most effective for good, we believe it safest that this religious Society should move as a distinct body, not entering into any alliances that can in any way obstruct us in the practical observance of our vital faith, that in all our religious labors we are to seek immediate direction and qualification from Him whose cause we are engaged to promote.

The Records of the Meeting for Sufferings for the past year were laid before us and read, and the proceedings of that meeting are approved. The Friends now under appointment, (with the exception of our late dear friend Micajah C. Pratt, deceased,) are continued to constitute a Meeting for Sufferings, to act on our behalf on such subjects as may claim their attention according to our Discipline.

[Members of Meeting for Sufferings:—David Buffum, Perez Peck, Joseph Metcalf, Samuel Boyd Tobey, John D. Lang, Samuel Boyce. Joseph Taber of Albion, Timothy C. Collins, Stephen Jones, David K. Akin, Stephen A. Chase, William Farr, William C. Taber, Tobias Meader, Alden Sampson, William A. Robinson, Stephen Beede, Gilbert Congdon, Richard Battey, Henry M. Minott, Elisha Jones of Windham, John Paige, Charles R. Tucker, Lemuel Gifford, Nathan Breed of

Lynn, George Bowen, Newell Hoxie, David Kelly, Moses Huntington, Edward Earle and Joseph Cartland of North Providence.

Adjourned to 4 o'clock this afternoon.

AFTERNOON.—Friends again assembled pursuant to adjournment.

The Committee on Education presented the subjoined Report, which is satisfactory and interesting to us, and the Friends now under appointment, (with the substitution of the name of Abraham J. Huntington for that of Robert L. Brown, in Seabrook Monthly Meeting,) are continued, to give their attention to the concern of this meeting in relation to the religious and literary education of our youth. We desire their encouragement in their labors, and trust a blessing may rest upon them. Much tender solicitude was evinced that the establishment of First day schools may be industriously promoted, and that they may be so conducted as to prove instrumental in advancing the best interests of our precious children. We believe it right to record upon our minutes that, while this important and interesting subject claimed the attention of this meeting, we were tendered and baptized together: and may the remembrance of the great mercy of the Lord now witnessed remain abidingly upon our minds.

“TO THE YEARLY MEETING:

The Committee on the subject of Education Report—That we believe the Friends constituting this Committee have endeavored to labor, in their several Monthly Meetings, for the promotion of the object for which they were appointed. And although the reports may not show much improvement, in comparing one year with another, yet it is evident that, in the aggregate, much has been accomplished during the twenty years which have transpired since this subject claimed the attention of the Yearly Meeting. We are convinced, however, there is still great necessity for earnest, united, prayerful labor, not only on the part of Committees, but for all the members of our Society to endeavor to promote, by every laudable means, the guarded, religious and literary education of our dear youth and children.

Circulars have been sent to each Monthly Meeting, and the following statistical information has been received, which is believed to be full and correct.

On behalf of the Committee,

SAMUEL GIFFORD, Clerk.

Newport, 6th month 13th, 1866."

The number of Friends' children in the Yearly Meeting	
between the ages of 5 and 21 years, - - -	986
The number of Monthly Meeting Schools, - - -	2
The number of Preparative Meeting Schools, - - -	1
The number of Family Schools, - - - - -	3
The number of Friends' children who have attended	
school the past year, - - - - -	879
The number of Friends' children who have attended	
schools taught by Friends, or under their control, - - -	244
The number of our members engaged in teaching, - - -	131
The number of our members obtaining an education at	
Academies and Colleges not under the care of Friends, - - -	54
The number of First day schools under the care of	
Friends, - - - - -	47
Average length of time these schools are kept, - - -	8 months.
The number of scholars attending these schools, - - -	1,562
The number of Friends attending the same, - - -	821
The number of teachers engaged in them, - - -	208
The number of Bible Classes, - - - - -	17
The number attending Bible Classes, - - - - -	278
The number of Friends attending Bible Class, - - -	219
The number of Friends belonging to the Yearly Meet-	
ing on the 1st of 5th month, 1866. - - - - -	4,674

[*Committee.*—Joseph E. Macomber, Solomon R. Knowles, Samuel Austin, Abel F. Collins, Samuel Gifford, Nathan Breed of Weare, John H. Crossman, Abraham J. Huntington, Edward W. Ewer, Nathan T. Shepherd, Matthew Barney, Isaac R. Potter, Adrian Davis, Charles Taber, Isaac Steere, Nathan Babcock, Timothy K. Earle, George Douglas, Henry M. Minott, Nathan Pope, Silas H. Cartland, Thomas B. Nichols, Eli Jones, Jedediah J. Varney, Amos D. Purington, Albert C. Buffum, George Varney, George Richardson, Levi Jones, Joseph S. Hawkes, Benjamin G. Shepherd and Prince G. More.

Women's Committee.—Cynthia Bowen, Gulielma Freeborn, Mary W. Atwater, Mary D. Collins, Mary Slade, Lydia P. Chase, Elizabeth Page, Susan L. Beede, Elizabeth C. Wing, Ruth A. Shepherd, Lydia Swain, Huldah B. Gifford, Rebecca A. Church, Susan Taber, Abigail S. Battey, Lydia B. Dow, Abigail Wheeler, Jane C. Minott, Salome J. Goddard, Lydia M. Pope, Anna H. Cartland, Rachel B. Nichols, Sybil Jones, Jane H. Varney, Anna M. Evans, Eliza P. Varney, Abigail Gould, Hannah R. Wing, Mary J. Page and Zilpha Shepherd.]

The Committee on the Concern of this Meeting for the Freed People of Color presented the following report, which is very interesting and satisfactory to us, and the propositions therein made are approved. The Friends now under appointment, with the addition of our Friends, Charles B. Cates, Paul Wing, of Sidney Monthly Meeting, Joseph T. Newhall, John G. Whittier, Joseph Grinnell and Thomas E. Steere, are continued to act on behalf of this meeting; and to encourage and sustain them in their important work, we recommend that our Quarterly Meetings raise, as nearly in their usual proportions as practicable, the sum of \$7,000, and pay the same to the Treasurer of the Committee, as early as the 11th Month next, and that such other voluntary contributions of money, clothing or other articles be made as circumstances may seem to require.

“ TO THE YEARLY MEETING :

The joint Committee under appointment to promote efforts for the relief and improvement of the Freed People of Color report, that our efforts and the contributions of Friends have been principally directed to the maintenance of the Mission at Washington, and considerable time has been spent there by some of the Committee in a personal supervision of its affairs.

Our means of usefulness have been materially increased by the kind and efficient coöperation of the officers of the Freedmen's Bureau, who, while availing themselves of the opportunity of giving orders upon our store for small supplies to the destitute and suffering under their care, have, through their agency, enabled us to procure, direct from the Commissary Department, at Government prices, many of our wants for the mission family, thereby materially reducing the cost of its maintenance.

Our friend, Wm. A. Sampson, has continued in charge of the store, and his energy and persevering labor has greatly contributed to its usefulness.* The capital now employed in furnishing a stock of goods for the store is \$3,700.

The whole amount of sales to 5th Mo., 31st, 1866, is \$49,749.

The colored people, by purchasing their goods at this establishment at cost prices, have saved at least 20 per cent. of their earnings, while its benefits have been more widely extended by the great reduction of the exorbitant prices charged at other shops in the city frequented by the Freedmen.

The Freedmen's Bureau have urged the establishment of another store in a different position, and have offered to provide a suitable building, provided Friends would furnish the stock and assume its management. The subject is, in our estimation worthy of consideration, could a suitable person be obtained to be placed in charge.

Our Executive Committee have, since last year, purchased seven lots of land very near the Mission buildings, containing 17,500 feet, at a cost of \$2,625 00

Cost of three houses, with sheds and yards complete for twelve families, 3,016 18

They have also drawn from the Treasury for building another house, now under contract, to contain four tenements, 1,200 00

\$6,841 18

The land was arranged for six of these houses, each to accommodate four families, and should the necessary funds be contributed, we commend to Friends the subject of the erection of the remaining two houses during the present year. Our Sub-Committee report that hardly any branch of our operations has been more beneficial to these people, or more effectual in raising them in the scale of civilization and social improvement than these little homes. The stimulating effect upon the community, when they have seen in what comparative comfort the few occupants of our houses can live, has been unmistakable. The high prices charged for rent of the little shanties in the neighborhood have been considerably reduced since our houses

*James Clothier and Robert Fry, two Friends resident in Washington, have frequently rendered very efficient aid to Wm. A. Sampson by their attendance at the store and the Committee wish to express to them their grateful appreciation of this service.

were built, and the landlords have been forced to render some of the cabins more comfortable, in order to satisfy the occupants.

THE SCHOOLS.

On the 9th of 10th Month last, our Superintendents, Richard and Abby S. Battey, returned to Washington, and have continued in the discharge of their varied duties until this time. In accordance with the recommendation of the Yearly Meeting, their first care was to prepare a room for school, which was opened on the 17th of 10th Month with 25 scholars. The attendance rapidly increased, and another room was soon found necessary, which was seated with 50 small chairs for the infant department. The schools under the care of Rebecca W. Mason as Principal, and Sarah T. Carey and Mary L. Hawes as Assistants, have, we believe, been faithfully and ably sustained. The average attendance has been about 188. These teachers will continue the schools until the 1st of 7th Month.

An evening school for adults was sustained during six months for three evenings in the week, with an attendance varying from 60 to 80 scholars. All the members of the family were engaged in the school as teachers, and numerous instances of a remarkable aptness for learning and of rapid improvement were observed.

One of the most deeply interesting features of the Mission is our First Day school, with an attendance sometimes reaching 200 pupils. We desire gratefully to acknowledge the valuable assistance of several residents of Washington who kindly volunteered as teachers in the school.

The sewing school has been vigorously kept up under the supervision of Abby S. Battey, assisted by Maria J. Buffinton and Pamela C. Varney, who have rendered their laborious service, gratuitously for the greater part of the time. One hundred and seventy-four women have been employed, who have made 1259 garments, and have received for their work \$680 97.

VISITING AGENT.

Sarah E. Wall remains our efficient visitor to the poor and destitute, and has distributed gratuitously, up to the 1st instant, 4000 articles of bedding and clothing, (including 200 new blankets,) amounting to \$4,500 00
 Groceries amounting to..... 600 00
 Fuel..... 312 00
 Shoes..... 500 00

59,212

Our visitor reports at the present time some sickness among the people, and is very desirous that one may be sent to take her place in caring for the sick and suffering, while she takes a recess, which she greatly needs.

The Freedmen's Bureau, in their plan of operations for the City, issued a commission to Sarah E. Wall as visiting agent for our district on their behalf, and have in other respects kindly coöperated with us in our labors.

Some attention has been given to instruction in making baskets, husk mats, and in straw braiding, but the Committee believe that, for the next winter, teachers should be especially employed for this department. There is a large class of persons who, from various causes, will remain in the city, to whom some employment of this kind would be a great blessing, and enable them in good measure to maintain themselves, instead of depending on charity. The necessity of providing *employment*, rather than *giving alms* to these people, has forced itself upon us, as the *demoralization* resulting from the latter cause has become more apparent, and we earnestly recommend that the future efforts of Friends in their behalf should be principally in this direction.

Upon a review of the field, we are united in the belief that the interests and necessities of the Freedmen continue to claim the care and sympathy of Friends, and that the maintenance of our establishment at Washington is still greatly needed.

The current expenses of the Mission family and the schools will amount to between four and five thousand dollars for the coming year, and we would again recommend the liberal contributions of Friends for this object. It will be seen by Friends, that the design of the Committee has been to render the establishment more largely self-sustaining in the future, and that this design necessarily involves the accumulation of some property in Washington. With this view, we would suggest to the Yearly Meeting that this property, purchased by the voluntary contributions of Friends, and any funds eventually accruing from it, should, under the direction of the Meeting, be devoted to the permanent improvement and elevation of the Freed people, in such manner as future circumstances may render expedient.

Our sub-committee are desirous of conveying to the Yearly Meeting, through this channel, their sense of obligation to our Mission Superintendents, Richard and Abby S. Battey, for their hearty coöperation in the work, and also their thanks to all the officers of the Mission, whose

zeal and self-sacrificing devotion, have greatly strengthened our hands, and entitled them to the gratitude of Friends.

For the Committee,

HENRY T. WOOD, Clerk.

Newport, 6th month 12, 1866."

The committee to prepare a report of the contributions to the Freedmen, since our last Yearly Meeting, present the following statement :

RECEIVED

From Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting, from all sources .	\$1,902	00
Salem " " "	1,443	00
Sandwich " " "	3,737	98
Smithfield " " "	509	05
Dover " " "	935	40
Falmouth " " "	193	00
Vassalboro' " " "	10	00
Fairfield " " "	508	00

Total amount from all Quarterly Meetings. . \$9,238 43

Of the above amount, it appears that there has been

raised in cash this year.....\$5,143 22

And in clothing and goods4,095 21

\$9,238 43

RECEIVED FROM OTHER SOURCES.

English Friends, 7 packages goods.....	\$800	00
Freedmen's Bureau, 1 case of goods and wood	400	00
Philadelphia Friends, 50 prs. blankets and 2 boxes goods ...	434	00
Worcester Freedman's Society, 2 boxes goods.....	181	78
St. James' Church, Woonsocket, 1 box goods.....	30	00
Soldiers' Aid Society, North Sharon and South Ded-		
ham, one case of goods.....	34	00
North Sharon and South Dedham, cash.....	50	00

\$1,929 78

EXPENDED FOR THE MISSION AT WASHINGTON.

Purchasing land	\$2,625	00
Appropriated to the building of houses, fences and sheds....	4,216	15
School teachers' salaries and travelling expenses	572	72

School books, fuel, &c.	174	49
Mission agents, including salaries, travelling expenses and all the supplies for the family of nine per- sons, from 3d mo. 15, 1865, to 6 mo. 1, 1866.	2,886	87
Building fences, repairing Mission home and shool house.	321	31
Capital added to the store fund	1,200	00
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		\$11,996 54

On behalf of the Washington Committee,

EDWARD W. HOWLAND.

Newport, 6th month 12, 1866.

RECAPITULATION.

Amount acknowledged by the Treasurer.	\$12,550	17
Contributions by the Quarterly Meetings, in goods.	4,095	21
Other Contributions	1,929	78
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Total	\$18,575	16

DISBURSEMENTS.

Cash paid the Washington Committee.	\$11,996	54
Contributions in clothing, food and fuel.	6,024	99
Cash in the hands of the Treasurer.	553	63
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		\$18,575 16

[Committee—Gilbert Congdon, George Bowen, Joseph Cartland, of North Providence; Nathan Breed, of Lynn; Moses Huntington, Moses Sawyer, Samuel Rodman, William C. Taber, Stephen Dillingham, Lemuel Jones, Oliver Robinson, Henry M. Minott, Edward Earle, Richard Battey, Timothy K. Earle, Samuel Foster, Eli Jones, Thomas B. Nichols, Amos D. Purington, Timothy B. Hussey, Stephen Beede, Alden Sampson, Charles M. Bailey, William Farr, Ezekiel Varney, Jr., Samuel Boyce, Gideon C. Smith, William Chace, Charles F. Coffin, James Cartland, Joseph Taber, Joshua Douglas, Henry T. Wood, Jonathan L. Slocum, Perez Peck, Greely Dow, Samuel Gifford, Edward W. Howland, Benjamin Buffum, Charles B. Cates, Paul Wing, of Sidney Monthly Meeting; Joseph P. Newhall, John G. Whittier, Joseph Grinnell and Thomas E.

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Fairfield Quarterly Meeting informs that Daniel Winslow is appointed Correspondent of St. Albans Monthly Meeting in place of Daniel Shepherd, deceased.

Adjourned, to 4 o'clock to-morrow afternoon.

FIFTH DAY AFTERNOON, 6th month 14th, assembled according to adjournment.

Representatives present except three.

The Committee on the concern of this Meeting for the Penobscot and Passamaquoddy Indians presented the following Report, which is acceptable and interesting to this Meeting, evidencing that the Indians appreciate the interest of Friends in their behalf. The same Friends are continued under appointment, (with the exception of our dear friend James Van Blarcom, deceased,) to render them such counsel and attention as way may open for.

"TO THE YEARLY MEETING :

The Committee to whom was intrusted the interesting concern of the Meeting in relation to the Penobscot and Passamaquoddy Indians

Report, that we have given some attention to the objects of our appointment.

The Penobscots are located on several naturally fertile islands in the Penobscot River, and by a census taken in the 4th month, 1865, are found to have a population of five hundred.

The Government of Maine expended for the benefit of this Tribe, in the year ending 12th month 1st, 1865, (\$7481 26) seven thousand four hundred eighty-one dollars and twenty-six cents.

The Legislature, at its last session, appropriated one thousand dollars to aid them in their agricultural pursuits; also, four hundred dollars to erect a school house on Oldtown Island, the lumber for which is already upon the spot. It is intended to have the building in readiness for the next fall term.

Schools have been taught on Oldtown, Olamon and Mattanawcook Islands by female teachers, with good success. The desire to improve the advantages of school education appears to be increasing and *more general* among the Indians.

Their mode of farming is of a low type, and calculated eventually to exhaust the soil, and, if persisted in, to render the labor expended upon it less remunerative than at present. With very few exceptions, they keep no stock of any kind, and the products of their farms are sold to their white neighbors, and no equivalent returns made to the soil from whence they were derived.

Two of our number have visited these objects of our christian care during the past year, and were present at two 'good talks' with the leaders of the parties into which the Tribe is politically and almost equally divided, when ample opportunity was afforded to learn the views of some of their most intelligent men in reference to the present and prospective condition of the Tribe, and to speak to them words of encouragement, to endeavor to maintain kindly feelings among themselves; and they were also assured that their friends the Quakers continue to feel a lively interest in their brothers the red men of this country.

We have expended twenty-one dollars and twenty-five cents of the funds placed at our disposal by the Yearly Meeting.

The Passamaquoddies have not been visited, and we are not at present informed of their condition.

On behalf of the Committee,

ELI JONES,
STEPHEN JONES,
HENRY T. WOOD.

Newport, 6th month 13th, 1866."

[*Committee.*—John D. Lang, Stephen Jones, Joseph Taber, Nathan Douglas, Allen Wing, Caleb Nichols, Samuel Taylor, Eli Jones, Alfred H. Jones, Henry T. Wood, George Richardson and Joseph Estes.]

We have received the following Minute from the Yearly Meeting of Ministers and Elders, viz. :

“YEARLY MEETING OF MINISTERS AND ELDERS.

6th month 14, 1866.

The Clerk is directed to inform the Yearly Meeting now sitting of our unity and concurrence with our dear friends Eli and Sybil Jones in their proposed religious service, and believing the Yearly Meeting at large would be interested in learning the anticipated field of their labors, it is thought proper to read the certificates granted them for the information of Friends.

From the Minutes,

WM. C. TABER, Clerk.

To the Yearly Meeting.”

Whereupon we appoint our friends Samuel Boyd Tobey, Gilbert Congdon, David Buffum, Samuel Boyce, Nathan Breed of Lynn, and Stephen Jones, to render our dear friends any necessary aid and attention in providing for their contemplated journey.

A Testimony of Seabrook Monthly Meeting, concerning our late beloved friend Martha Meader, of Dover Monthly Meeting, concerning our late beloved friend Sarah B. Roberts, of Litchfield Monthly Meeting, respecting our dear friend Eliza M. Farr, and of New Bedford Monthly Meeting, concerning our beloved ancient friend Ruth Davis, have been read in this meeting, and they are acceptable to us, and it is directed that they be recorded. The memory of these dear friends is precious to us.

The Committee appointed last year to collect subscriptions to aid our dear friends in distress in some parts of North Carolina Yearly Meeting made the following report, which is satisfactory, viz :

“TO THE YEARLY MEETING :

The Committee appointed last year to collect contributions from our members to aid Friends in North Carolina, report, that they have re-

ceived \$1433 45, which amount has been paid to Charles R. Tucker, Treasurer, and by him the said sum has been remitted to Francis T. King, as appears by his account, which has been examined and found correct.

We have been informed that a short time previous to our appointment about \$700 was collected and promptly forwarded for the relief of those dear friends, from two of our Quarterly Meetings. With this we submit a letter received from a friend, giving much information in relation to our dear friends in North Carolina and Tennessee—and of what is being accomplished in their behalf.”

Signed on behalf of the Committee by

JOSEPH H. ATWATER,
ABNER POTTER, Jr.,
LEVI JONES,
CALEB M. PAINE.

Newport, 6th Mo., 13th, 1866.”

The Committee to attend to the reprint of 3,750 copies of the London General Epistle, report that they are placed in the hands of the representatives, to be disposed of as directed, at a previous sitting of this Meeting.

The Clerk is directed to sign on our behalf the following minute for our friend John L. Eddy, and similar ones for our friends David H. Bennett, Lewis Bedell, Elizabeth L. Comstock, Samuel Bettle, John Scott, Deborah C. Thomas, Jesse T. Hartley, Rebecca T. Updegraff, Jacob Hadley, Benjamin Fulghum and Eli Jessup, viz: “Our beloved friend John L. Eddy attended this meeting. His company and religious services have been acceptable to us.”

The Clerk is directed to sign on our behalf the following minute for our friend Mary Eddy, and similar ones for our friends Maria Willets, Lucinda Hadley, Mary B. Jessup and Hannah G. Pettit, viz:

“Our beloved friend Mary Eddy attended this Meeting. Her company has been acceptable to us.”

The Committee on Correspondence presented Essays of Epistles to our dear brethren of London, Ireland, New York, Baltimore, North Carolina, Ohio, Indiana, Western and Iowa Yearly Meetings, which being satisfactory, the Clerk is directed to sign them on our behalf, and forward them to those Meetings respectively.

The Clerk is directed to cause 2,500 copies of the Minutes of this Meeting to be printed and distributed as heretofore.

At this sitting of the Meeting, an acceptable Epistle, from our dear brethren of London Yearly Meeting, held the present year, was received, which the Clerk is requested to acknowledge in a postscript to our Epistle now issued to them.

The important subjects claiming the attention of this Meeting, have now been disposed of in harmony and love. We are engaged gratefully to return our thanks to our Heavenly Father, in that He has been pleased to remember us, during the whole course of this Yearly Meeting. We feel that it has been good for us to be here; and we now separate in close brotherly love, proposing to meet again at this place, at the usual time, next year, if the Lord permit.

SAMUEL BOYD TOBEY,

Clerk.



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MINUTES.

At the Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England, held on Rhode Island, commencing with public meetings for worship, at Newport and Portsmouth, on First day the 16th, and for discipline on Second day morning, the 17th of 6th month, 1867.

By the Reports received from our several Quarterly Meetings it appears that the following Friends are appointed Representatives to this Meeting, viz :

From RHODE ISLAND—Samuel Boyd Tobey, Levi Almy, Abner Slade, Nathan Chase, Perez Peck, William A. Robinson, Samuel Gifford, Joseph Cartland and George Anthony.

From SALEM—Newell Ordway, Daniel Beede, Nathan Breed, of Lynn, Joel H. Davis, John Page, Ephraim Leighton, William S. Boyce, Samuel Boyce, and Moses F. Rogers.

From SANDWICH—George Howland, jr., Rufus Sherman, Wm. C. Taber, David Kelley, George Almy, Nathaniel Gifford, Nathan T. Shepherd, Arnold Gifford, Isaac R. Gifford, Daniel Davis, and Joseph Grinnell.

From FALMOUTH—Abram Winslow, George Douglass, Stephen Cartland, Calvin S. Goddard, Wililam C. Pillsbury, Lemuel Jones, Charles C. Winslow, Joseph Hawkes, Elijah Cook, Robert Goddard (of Lewiston) and James Cartland.

From SMITHFIELD—John Milton Earle, Thomas Grover, Abel C. Munroe, Albert S. Payson, James G. Arnold, Reuben A. Wheeler, and David Tatum.

From VASSALBORO'—Thomas B. Nichols, John D. Lang, Josiah Philbrook, John C. Varney, Daniel Cook, Alfred H. Jones, Stephen Jones, James Jones, and John Moulton.

From DOVER—Tobias Meader, Jacob K. Purington, Oliver Meader, Stephen Beede, and Thos. H. Evens.

From FAIRFIELD—George Richardson, Moses Bailey, James Myers, Levi Jones, Joseph Winslow, and Isaac Winslow,

whose names being called they were all present.

Having at this Meeting the acceptable company of our beloved friends, Hannah S. Fry, of New York Yearly Meeting; Julia Valentine, and Sarah F. Smiley, of Baltimore; Ellen M. Nicholson, of North Carolina; Joseph Stanley, William Jenkins, Edith Griffith, Mary Elliot, Abigail B. Kelley, and Theodate S. Pope, from Ohio; Robert W. Douglass, and Daniel McPherson, from Indiana; Nathan Elliot, from Western, and Lindley M. Hoag, from Iowa Yearly Meeting; satisfactory testimonials from their respective Meetings were presented, expressive of unity with them as Ministers, and with their present religious engagements.

We have also the acceptable company of our dear friends, Amos Griffith, accompanying his wife Edith Griffith; Mary Wood, companion to our friend Mary Elliot; Phebe Coutant companion to Abigail B. Kelley; and Catherine Elliot, who accompanies her husband Nathan Elliot; and satisfactory minutes from their several Meetings expressing unity with them as Elders, and with their present engagements, were read.

We have likewise the acceptable company of our esteemed friends Ann J. Mathews, companion to our friend Julia Valentine; Margaret H. White, companion to our friend Sarah F. Smiley; Hannah Johnson, companion to our friend Hannah S. Fry; Isaac Stanley, companion to our friend Joseph Stanley; and Alton Pope, accompanying his wife, our friend Theodate

S. Pope; satisfactory minutes were read from their several Meetings, expressing unity with them as members, and with their present engagements.

The London general Epistle for 1866, addressed to "Friends in Great Britain, Ireland, and elsewhere," was received and read. As in former years, we have felt the excellence and weightiness of the advice contained in these annual salutations of our beloved brethren of London, and we appoint our friends William A. Robinson and Charles R. Tucker, to place in the hands of the Representatives a reprint of 3000 copies of this instructive document, to be distributed among the meetings and members of this Yearly Meeting, and we commend it to their serious and careful attention.

Acceptable Epistles from our beloved brethren of London, Ireland, New York, Baltimore, North Carolina, Ohio, Indiana, Western and Iowa Yearly Meetings, are now received, and in the feeling of Christian unity and brotherly love, we appoint the following friends to prepare essays of epistles to those several meetings, and they are also requested, if way opens for it, to prepare a salutation of love to Canada Yearly Meeting, to be opened the present month, viz: Samuel Boyd Tobey, Wm. C. Taber, David Buffum, Henry T. Wood, John Page, John D. Lang, David K. Aikin, Stephen Jones, Samuel Boyce, Thomas B. Nichols, Alfred H. Jones, Calvin S. Goddard, Jesse Roberts, George Douglass, Lemuel Jones, James G. Arnold, Charles F. Coffin, John Milton Earle, Edward Earle, Charles R. Tucker, Prince G. Moore, Charles B. Cates, Josiah Philbrook, Jabez Wood, Daniel Swift, Moses Bailey, J. William Jacob, William Farr, Thomas Folsom, Joseph Cartland, of North Providence, Reuben T. Jones, and Newell Hoxie: and this Meeting, realizing that the addition of another Yearly Meeting to the brotherhood already existing, is an interesting and important event in our Society, and apprehending that there are those among us who feel religiously drawn to attend this first convening of Canada Yearly Meeting, if there are any friends thus exercised we appoint our friends David Buffum, Stephen Jones, Richard Battey, Wm. C. Taber and Samuel Boyce, to propose to a future sitting such names as they may deem suitable.

ble to compose a committee to attend, under the sanction, and by appointment of this Meeting.

By the Reports from the Quarterly Meetings, it appears that *Rhode Island* has united with Providence Monthly Meeting in acknowledging the gifts and approving the public appearances in the ministry of Sarah K. Reynolds and Gertrude W. Cartland.

That *Salem* has united with Seabrook Monthly Meeting, in the appointment of Joel H. Davis to the station of Elder. Elizabeth Page, a minister and member of Weare Monthly Meeting, died 3d month 24th, 1867, aged 57 years less three days.

Sandwich has united with Sandwich Monthly Meeting in acknowledging the gifts and approving the public appearances in the ministry of Charity G. Dillingham and Lois B. Gifford. John R. Davis, a minister and member of New Bedford Monthly Meeting, deceased 7th month 27th, 1866, aged 90 years 10 months and 18 days. Mary Shepherd, an Elder and member of Pembroke Monthly Meeting, deceased 1st month 22d, 1867, aged 78 years 7 months and 22 days.

Falmouth reports that it has united with Windham Monthly Meeting in acknowledging the gift and approving the public appearances in the ministry, of Lydia A. Cartland, and with Durham Monthly Meeting, in appointing Robert Goddard, of Lewiston, Joseph Cartland, Patience Goddard, Jr. and Susan R. Cartland, to the station of Elder; and that Mary T. Varney, a minister and member of Durham Monthly Meeting, died 8th month 24th, 1866, aged 69 years 7 months and 10 days; and that Abigail S. Goddard, an Elder and member of the same meeting, died 11th month 7th, 1866, aged 60 years 3 months and 25 days.

Vassalboro has united with China Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Mary C. Jones, to the station of Elder. Jacob Partridge, an Elder and member of Vassalboro Monthly Meeting, deceased 3d month 18th, 1867, aged 85 years 8 months and 27 days. Josiah Jones, an Elder and member of China Monthly Meeting, died 1st month 26th, 1867, aged 74 years 11 months and 6 days.

Dover has united with Berwick Monthly Meeting, in the appointment of Isaac Varney and Eliza P. Varney, to the station of Elder.

Fairfield has united with Litchfield Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Moses Bailey and Mary Ann Bailey to the station of Elder.

The Quarterly Meetings severally report that they have given the necessary attention to raising the stock directed by this meeting last year ; and we appoint the following Friends to settle the Treasurer's account, to propose a sum to be raised the present year, and the name of a friend for Treasurer, viz :—William A. Robinson, Thomas Folsom, Stephen Dillingham, Nathaniel Hawkes, Samuel H. Colton, Charles B. Cates, Tobias Meader, and Noah Farr, to report to a future sitting.

Adjourned to 4 o'clock this afternoon,

Afternoon, met by adjournment.

Samuel Boyce, on behalf of the representatives, informed the Meeting that they had conferred together, and were united in proposing Samuel Boyd Tobey for Clerk, and Charles R. Tucker for Assistant Clerk, whose names were separately considered, and the nominations approved, and they are accordingly appointed to those stations for the ensuing year.

Our friend, Charles F. Coffin, was, on recommendation of the Representatives, appointed to assist the clerks in reading the various documents presented.

A communication has been received from our friends in the city of Chicago soliciting our aid in the building of a Meeting House for the accommodation of meetings in that city, and we appoint the following friends to call upon those now in attendance of this meeting for such contributions as they may in their freedom subscribe, viz :—Joseph H. Atwater, William A. Robinson, Thomas E. Steere, William Austin Brown, Moses Sawyer, John H. Crossman, Stephen Dillingham, Isaac R. Gifford, Henry T. Wood, Cyrus Cartland, Nathaniel Hawkes, Ezekiel Varney, jr., James G. Arnold, Edward Earle, Richard Battey, Charles B. Cates, Jabez Jenkins, Josiah Philbrook, Jesse Roberts, Samuel

Buffum, Joseph Hanson, William Farr, Henry Winslow, and Joseph Winslow to report to a future sitting.

It appearing that the accommodations of our women friends in holding the Yearly Meeting are insufficient for want of adequate room, we appoint the following friends to take the subject into consideration, and make such provision as they may deem necessary to extend the house, so as to render the accommodation more ample; and they are authorized to draw on the Treasurer for the expense incurred, viz:—George Howland, jr., David Buffum, Charles R. Tucker, John D. Lang, Stephen Jones and George Bowen.

The committee in charge of our Boarding School made the subjoined Report which is interesting and satisfactory to us, and the several propositions therein contained are approved and sanctioned by this Meeting. Our Treasurer is authorized to loan on our behalf a sum not exceeding twenty thousand dollars to be applied to the purposes designated by the School Committee.

TO THE YEARLY MEETING:

Dear Friends: The Committee in charge of the Boarding School report, that during the Summer Term of 1866, there were in attendance 136 pupils, viz: 88 males and 48 females. In the Autumn half Term, 178, viz: 102 males and 76 females.

The officers of the Institution have been,—Albert K. Smiley, Principal; Alfred H. Smiley, Assistant Principal; Rebecca H. Smiley, Principal of the Female Department; John F. Rowell, Sarah F. Coffin, and Mary A. Cornell, teachers of English branches; William B. Phillips, teacher of Ancient and Modern Languages; Elijah Cook, teacher of Mathematics; and Mary A. Potter, teacher of Drawing. Sarah A. Taber and Alice R. Wing, have also been employed as teachers of English branches during a portion of the past year. Under this organization, which it will be observed is nearly the same as for several years past, the affairs of the School have been carefully and satisfactorily conducted.

During the fore part of the year the arrangements for religious meetings were same as last year, but the committee believing that the pupils were overtaxed on First days have discontinued the morning meeting at the school, except during inclement weather, and have

allowed them to attend the morning meeting as well as the week day meeting in the city. First day afternoons and evenings are devoted to Bible instruction and reading, and the result has, we think, been satisfactory to all concerned.

For some time past the Committee in charge of the School, as well as those more immediately connected therewith, have felt that the present accommodations for pupils are not adequate to promote their health and comfort. Two wants have especially claimed their attention:—1st, that of separate dormitories for the girls instead of the present plan of placing them all in two rooms; 2d, a large Hall or collecting room to be used, under the direction of the committee, for Religious Meetings, Lectures, Public Examinations, Meetings of the Alumni, or other purposes. The largest room in the present building is quite too limited to meet the wants of the School, not being commodious enough to allow of inviting the parents of pupils to be present at the exercises connected with the graduating class.

Accordingly, with the approbation of the Meeting for Sufferings, the Committee have begun the erection of a three story building 126 feet long, with an average width of 45 feet. The first floor contains a Hall capable of seating 400 persons, and adjoining it is a Library and Reading Room, fitted up with alcoves for the reception of books and cases for minerals and other Natural History collections. This room is connected with the Hall by sliding doors, and will enlarge its capacity so that six or seven hundred persons can be comfortably seated. The second and third stories are devoted to girls dormitories. There are 29 rooms, ranging in size from 9 by 15 feet to 15 feet square, fitted for the reception of two pupils each. Each room is supplied with a large closet and separate means of ventilation. There are also large store closets for bedding, &c. in each of the upper stories, and proper washing apparatus supplied by tanks under the roof. In the basement are rooms for three hot air furnaces, a coal room, a large reservoir cistern to be used in case of fire, and a spacious and convenient cellar. In consequence of the transfer of the minerals and the philosophical and chemical apparatus to the new library and apparatus rooms, and the removal of about fifty-six girls to the new dormitories, much room will be vacated in the present building. It is proposed to devote a part of this space on the south side of the building to increasing the limited accommodations for the sick. The present nurseries are on the north side of the house, exposed to the noise of the boys' play-ground, and

are only suitable to receive patients slightly indisposed. It is very desirable that pupils affected with contagious diseases, or seriously ill from any other cause, should be provided with quiet, well ventilated and sunny rooms, where they can receive careful attention from nurses specially devoted to them. It is proposed to divide off another portion of the room into separate dormitories for the girls, corresponding with those in the new building; and to appropriate the remaining space to increasing the somewhat limited sleeping accommodations of the boys, and to other purposes. It is expected that the building will be ready to be occupied at the opening of the year 1868.

The whole cost, including furnishing, grading grounds, making the required changes in the present building, and all other necessary expenses will be about \$42,000. Through the efforts of the Alumni Association, upwards of \$10,000 have been very generously contributed by the friends of the School, for the erection of this building. There is also on hand a balance to the credit of the School of about \$12,000. It will therefore be necessary to incur a debt of about \$20,000, in order to carry out the proposed plans. The financial condition of the school is such as to warrant the belief that the debt can be liquidated in a few years.

By the Report of the Auditing Committee it appears that the income of the School during the present year (ending 6th month 26th, 1867,) will exceed the current expenditure by about \$3,000.

The charges for the ensuing year of forty weeks, we propose should be as follows, one-half payable at the commencement of the school, and one-half at the opening after the recess, viz:

For members of our Yearly Meeting,.....\$150.

For members of other Yearly Meetings, and where one or both parents are members of our religious society, or for scholars that are sent at the charge of such,\$190.

For any others that may be admitted,.....\$300.

An additional charge of \$10 is made for one year's instruction in Latin, Greek, French, German, or Drawing.

Pupils may be withdrawn at the close of the half year *only* when application is made therefor at the time of entering.

The Committee earnestly desire that the number of those who are withdrawn at the close of the first half year may be as small as possible, as, in the arrangement of classes and studies, reference is made, primarily, to those who remain through the year, constituting as they do, a large majority of the school, and it will therefore happen that those

who remain but half the term will receive much less than a proportionate share of advantages.

Applications for admission into the School should be made seasonably for the meeting of the Committee on the 16th of seventh month next. Those who are members of our Yearly Meeting will have precedence of all others, after which applications will be considered in the order in which they are received.

Those who desire the benefit of the charitable fund or of the "Jacob Metcalf donation," should apply at the time specified, and in all these cases information is desired of the age, moral habits, and literary acquirements of the applicants.

Applications for admission, should be made to the Principals.

Address,

ALBERT K. SMILEY,
Principal of Friends Boarding School,
Providence, R. I.

The School Year opens 9th month 4th, 1867.

Recess of two weeks begins 1st month 20th, 1868.

Second half year begins 2d month 3d, 1868.

On behalf of the Committee,

WM. A. ROBINSON,

Clerk for the day.

Our friends William A. Robinson, Joseph Cartland, Nathan Breed, of Lynn, John Page, George Howland, jr., David K. Akin, Lemuel Jones, Calvin S. Goddard, Chas. Hadwen, Richard Battey, Stephen Jones, Levi Gardner, Jacob K. Purington, Elijah Jenkins, of New Durham, Reuben T. Jones, and Charles M. Bailey, are appointed to propose to a future sitting of this meeting the names of friends to constitute a School Committee.

Our friends Gideon C. Smith, William O. Newhall, William C. Taber, Robert Goddard, James G. Arnold, Alfred H. Jones, Stephen Beede, and Moses Bailey, are appointed to prepare a summary of the answers for our next sitting.

Adjourned to 10 o'clock, to-morrow morning.

Third day morning, the 18th, the meeting convened pursuant to adjournment.

The Representatives present except one, for whose absence a sufficient reason was assigned.

We have, at this Meeting, the company of our dear friends

James N. Richardson, a minister, and Samuel Bewley, an Elder from Ireland. Their presence with us is truly acceptable.

Under, we trust, a covering of divine good manifestly extended to us, and with a sense of the importance of the engagement, the Meeting now proceeded to consider the state of Society by reading the answers to the Queries from our several Quarterly Meetings, and proceeded therein to the 3d inclusive, and then adjourned to 4 o'clock this afternoon.

At the appointed hour in the afternoon the Meeting again assembled and completed the reading of the answers.

During the whole of this interesting engagement, we trust we were baptized together, and that the Head of the Church, in His rich mercy, was near us, and both older and younger brethren manifested a concern for the promotion of His blessed cause. Very feeling were the exhortations offered, that there might be with us all a living engagement to honor our Father in Heaven by a public acknowledgement of our sense of entire dependence upon Him, by meeting together for His worship and praise—that we might realize that this is not only a *duty*, but a high *privilege*—that the presence of the Saviour might be surely expected, for He has *promised* it to those who assemble in His name,—that our hearts should be filled with the love of Him who loved us, who died for us, and who still lives—our holy Intercessor and Mediator with the Father—and through whom only we can receive admittance into Heaven.

The efficacy of love in preserving unity, in removing difficulties and all dissensions—in keeping us from detraction in its varied manifestations, was feelingly dwelt upon, and we were tenderly exhorted to *live in love*, thus manifesting that we are disciples of Christ. “He that hath my commandments and keepeth them, he it is that loveth me: and he that loveth me, shall be loved of my Father, and I will love him, and will manifest myself to him.” “A new commandment I give unto you, That ye love one another; as I have loved you, that ye also love one another. By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another.”

The language of tender sympathy was held forth to those who

have not that fullness of faith without which we cannot please God; and they were exhorted to put up the aspiration, "Lord increase our faith." "The poor in spirit" were sweetly encouraged to remember the declaration, that "theirs is the kingdom of heaven," and were reminded of the words of the prophet, "When the poor and needy seek water and there is none, and their tongue faileth for thirst, I the Lord will hear them, I the God of Israel will not forsake them. I will open rivers in high places, and fountains in the midst of the valleys; I will make the wilderness a pool of water, and the dry land springs of water."

The practical advices and declarations of faith, contained in our ancient Discipline, were substantially brought before us, some of which we believe it right now to revive and earnestly to commend to the perusal and solemn attention of all, viz :

"Agreed that friends that live distant from meetings be reminded to keep meetings in their families, to wait upon God, that their children and families may come to be seasoned in their spirits by the truth and the Lord's power, and that they may have his blessings upon their families. 1696.

Advised that friends keep their children to a constant, seasonable and orderly frequenting, as well of week-day as of First-day meetings; instructing them to have their minds stayed in the divine gift, to wait upon the Lord therein, to receive a portion of his spiritual favor; that they, from the tendering virtue of the Holy Spirit, may be engaged in heart and mind to walk worthy of so great a grace; and in a holy zeal to honor God, submit to bear the cross, endure the shame, and become public witnesses for him amongst the sons of men. 1723.

And we earnestly exhort that you hold fast the profession of faith in our Lord Jesus Christ, without wavering, both in respect to his outward coming in the flesh, his sufferings, death, resurrection, ascension, mediation and intercession at the right hand of the Father; and to the inward manifestation of his grace and Holy Spirit in our hearts, powerfully working in the soul of man, to the subduing of every evil affection and lust, and to the purifying of our consciences from dead words to serve the living God; that through the virtue and efficacy of this most holy faith, ye may become strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might, which will enable you to worship God in spirit with ac-

ceptance, and preserve you in a lively frame of mind, from a drowsy and lukewarm spirit, which in all our religious assemblies, ought to be guarded against with the utmost care and circumspection. In this lively faith and pure life of Christ, you will have victory over the world, over your desires after the grandeur and perishing things thereof, and over all corrupt customs and fashions, which are contrary to the purity of the gospel, and our ancient Christian testimony. 1736.

In all your religious meetings for the worship of Almighty God, let your minds be seasoned with an awful sense of real and true devotion, and be ye exemplary to the flock of Christ. Let the solemn gravity of your deportment be such as may demonstrate to others, that you are in earnest in the great duty of waiting upon and worshiping God in spirit; that serious and tender-hearted inquirers may be encouraged to come and partake, in your assemblies, of that inward and spiritual consolation and refreshment, which the Lord is graciously pleased to impart to the souls of such as are humbled in his sight, and approach his holy presence with reverence and fear. 1744.

Take care, we beseech you, in this day of ease and liberty, lest a spirit of lukewarmness and indifferency prevail over you, to the stopping of the streams of the water of life, and rendering you like the barren heath in the desert, which knoweth not when good comes. We entreat you to be especially watchful in this behalf, that an indolent and sluggish disposition appear not among you, to the stumbling of such serious inquirers as may attend our meetings, in expectation of that life and power, which the observation of your indifference and unconcernedness may give them too just cause to suspect that ye yourselves are strangers to. 1741.

Let not the smallness of your numbers discourage you from constantly attending those meetings, inasmuch as the words of Christ remain unchangeably true and steadfast, "Where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them," Matt. xviii. 20. But it hath been justly observed, that where remissness and neglect of attending meetings for worship have prevailed, it hath been too often an inlet to further declension, and such other undue liberties as truth and its guidance do by no means admit of.

We therefore tenderly exhort such as, through fear of neglecting their temporal concerns, or other considerations, are kept from a due attendance of these meetings, seriously to consider that gracious promise left upon record: "Seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness, and all these things shall be added unto you." Some

of us have to testify, by blessed experience, that our affairs have not suffered by giving up our time, during the few hours set apart for religious worship; but on the contrary our minds have been thereby greatly strengthened to come up with propriety in the duties we owe to God, to our families, and to all mankind. 1758.

As it hath pleased divine goodness clearly to manifest amongst us the way of life and salvation, and to instruct us where and how to wait for him, prize, we beseech you, these precious privileges; keep all your meetings in the name of the Lord, and let your minds be established in an humble waiting upon him, with reverence and fear; so shall strength be added to strength, and, being more closely united to him, you will experience the indwelling of his blessed spirit. 1761.

When gathered in your religious assemblies, be truly concerned to retire to the divine and heavenly gift, which will minister to every state and condition though you may have no outward teaching, and will direct you to wait, without being restless or uneasy, till it be a proper time to break up your meeting with that decency and solemnity, which should attend our minds in such service. [1755].

And be not apt, as the manner of some is, at the close of your meetings, hastily to enter into discourses about the affairs of this life, much less the vain amusements thereof; a practice inconsistent with the Christian gravity, which at such times ought, in a special manner, to season the minds of persons so lately assembled for the worship of God, in spirit and in truth. 1748.

As to the consistency of the members of our society joining themselves in the meetings or public entertainments of those called free-masons, we have deliberated upon the subject, and according to our present judgment, think it not consistent with our religious profession; and advise that quarterly and monthly meetings dissuade their members therefrom; and if any do join therewith, contrary to the advice herein contained, that they be dealt with."

The Committee appointed yesterday to solicit aid for our friends of Chicago in erecting a meeting house for the accommodation of friends, propose that this Meeting should appropriate for that object the sum of six hundred dollars, which is approved by this Meeting, and our Treasurer is requested to forward that sum to them for this purpose through some suitable channel, and the committee are released from further attention to the subject.

The Committee to propose the names of friends to attend, as a

committee of this Meeting, the opening of Canada Yearly Meeting, proposed the following, which are satisfactory to this Meeting, and they are appointed accordingly, viz:—James Jones, Nathan Breed, of Lynn and Thomas Grover, and the Clerk is directed to furnish them with the following minute, signed in our behalf, viz :

This Meeting, realizing that the addition of another Yearly Meeting to the brotherhood already existing is an interesting and important event in our religious society, and being drawn in brotherly love towards our dear brethren now about to be united as a Yearly Meeting in Canada, we appoint our friends James Jones, Nathan Breed and Thomas Grover, a committee to attend the same on our behalf, and the Clerk is directed to furnish them with a copy of this minute.

Adjourned to 10 o'clock to-morrow morning.

Fourth day morning, 6th month 19th, the Meeting assembled. The Representatives are present.

The Records of the Meeting for Sufferings for the past year were laid before us and read. The proceedings of that Meeting are sanctioned and approved by this Meeting, and the following friends are appointed to propose to a future sitting the names of friends to compose a Meeting for Sufferings for the ensuing year:—David Buffam, Samuel Boyd Tobey, William C. Taber, Stephen Jones, Thomas B. Nichols, Samuel Boyce, Stephen Beede, David K. Aiken, Alfred H. Jones, Timothy K. Earle, Charles F. Coffin, Obadiah Chase, Isaac R. Gifford, Newell Ordway, Nathan Breed, of Lynn, Matthew Howland, Isaac Winslow, William S. Boyce, William A. Robinson, Thomas Grover, Joseph Taber, and Josiah Holmes, jr.

Salem, Sandwich and Smithfield Quarterly Meetings propose to this Meeting the consideration of the subject of a revision of our discipline, which is referred to the solid attention of the Meeting for Sufferings.

Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting proposes that the place of holding their Meeting in the 11th month be changed from Somerset to Fall River, which is approved.

The Committee on the concern of this Meeting for the Freed people of color, presented the subjoined report, which is very

interesting, and the services of our friends of the committee, so faithfully rendered, are gratefully acknowledged, and the following friends, being the executive committee that specially served last year, are now reappointed to act, with a similar committee of women friends, on the part of this Meeting the ensuing year in this important engagement, and we desire their strength and encouragement, with the hope and trust that friends will freely render them the material aid they may need in this good work ; to report to us next year, viz:—Edward W. Howland, Alden Sampson, Benjamin Buffum, Nathan Breed, William C. Taber, Samuel Boyce, Edward Earle, John G. Whittier, Joseph Cartland, Charles B. Cates, Joseph Grinnell, Joseph P. Newhall, Timothy B. Hussey, Charles F. Coffin, Henry T. Wood, Thomas E. Steere and Moses Sawyer.

Committee :—Ann B. Earle, Gulielma W. Howland, Ellen K. Buffum, Gertrude W. Cartland, Eliza B. Boyce, Rebecca C. Grinnell, Sarah T. Sampson, Anna G. Wood, Susan Taber, Ann Maria Coffin, Ruth B. Gifford, Elizabeth H. Newhall, Mercy Osborn and Margaret B. Cates.

“TO THE YEARLY MEETING :

The joint committee under appointment to carry out the concern of the Yearly Meeting for the freed people of color, report that, as heretofore, their efforts have been concentrated at the mission in Washington.

The first care of the special committee in charge of the mission, was to secure superintendents, and it was only with much persuasion that our esteemed friends, Richard and Abby S. Battey, were again made willing to enlist. This being accomplished, they felt that their work for the coming year was well begun. The committee have during the past year, as heretofore, had the kind co-operation of the officers of the Freedmen's Bureau together with some pecuniary assistance which has rendered all their efforts more effectual.

The store, which had been so satisfactorily carried on by our friend William A. Sampson, under the care of the committee, has been sold to him, together with the stock on hand, and he still continues to dispense to the people just weight and measure, at the same time that he is giving many a useful lesson in virtue and morality.

The house for which an appropriation was made last year, has been built. There are still two vacant lots on which it is desirable to erect houses as they are much needed; but as the expense of building is so great at the present time, it has not been deemed advisable to proceed.

The schools were opened about the first of Tenth month, and in a very few days were filled to their utmost capacity, the teachers being obliged to refuse many who applied for admission. The Intermediate School, under the charge of Rebecca W. Mason as principal, and Sarah T. Carey as assistant, has numbered during the year 170 different pupils, average attendance 84. This school numbered at its close 88. One half day in each week has been spent in teaching the girls to sew, and most of them can now sew very neatly. A society was formed in this school called the "Juvenile Lincoln Temperance Society," and 103 pledged themselves to abstain from all intoxicating drinks and tobacco.

The Primary School, under charge of Mary L. Hawes as Principal, and Mary E. Gove as Assistant, has numbered 160 on its list. The average attendance has not been given us, but it has been larger than in the intermediate school. Mary L. Hawes has had at different times, the further assistance of Hannah Ellis and Abby G. Hawes. Fifty of the little girls have been taught to sew. One afternoon in each week has been devoted to that object.

The Teachers report "That the progress of their scholars, has been all they could reasonably expect."

These schools were closed on the 29th of fifth month, by a public examination, attended by the acting Commissioner and the Superintendent of schools, for the District, who both expressed their satisfaction with them.

A very interesting evening school mostly for adults, with an attendance of from 60 to 80 scholars, has been kept up the greater part of the time.

The First day school has been continued with unabated interest, often numbering nearly 200, and it is with gratitude we acknowledge the valuable assistance rendered in this department by several residents in the city, not of our mission family.

The sewing school has been conducted with increased usefulness under the supervision of Abby S. Battey and Mary Osborne, assisted a part of the time by Rebecca S. Capron.

Early in the season, this school received from Richard Cadbury, (Treasurer of the Freedmen's Association of Philadelphia), a valuable contribution of material and clothing from friends of the cause in

England. The Freedmen's Bureau also furnished a large amount of material for work. From these contributions, together with material furnished by Wm. A. Sampson, and some purchased with the sewing school funds, they were enabled to provide work for 98 women who have made 1962 garments for which they were paid \$579 23. Our teachers say "It has been our aim to furnish employment more especially to those, who, from delicate health or family cares, have been unable to go out to service." They also report that during the season they have noticed a decided improvement both in the sewing and the deportment of the women in attendance.

In addition to this industrial work, Abby G. Hawes has conducted a class of 75 children in braiding straw. These little ones have braided 2231 yards of straw, and have been paid for their work \$51.33. Ten of the larger girls have learned to sew this braid, and have made 110 hats. The committee feel much satisfaction with this branch of the work. The money which the children have earned, though not large in amount, has in some instances done great good, and the habits of industry and thrift taught at an early age may be of incalculable benefit in after life. The committee believe that every practical mind will be convinced of the value of these industrial departments. The Officers of the Bureau have always commended them and are desirous that they should be continued even though it may be on a diminished scale.

During the first three months of the season, the place of visiting agent was filled by Hannah Baldwin, an estimable colored woman of Washington, who also acted as agent for disbursing some funds for the Freedmen's Bureau. At the expiration of that time, the funds of the Bureau being exhausted, the committee deemed it best to dispense with her services, and Sarah E. Wall once more volunteered to resume her labor in the mission. Her presence among the sick, the poor, and the lowly was hailed with joy, though many times she could do nothing more than give a little good advice, and a few kind words.

The number of garments *gratuitously* distributed was 1896, and their nominal value was \$1271.61. Shoes were given to the amount of \$300. Groceries and fuel were given to the amount of \$390 more, making the whole amount of gratuitous distribution \$1961.61.*

Your committee feel more and more warranted in the opinion that

* Of this sum \$410 was contributed by Friends of Rhode Island Monthly Meeting and was forwarded directly to Richard Battey for this purpose, and does not therefore appear in the account of our Treasurer.

anything like an established alms-giving cultivates a spirit of begging and tends to demoralization ; but they are assured that great usefulness will result from the labors of a judicious visiting agent. The sub committee wish, through this medium, to express their grateful appreciation of the conscientious manner in which Richard and Abbey S. Battey have endeavored to promote every interest of the mission, and of the efficient labors of the teachers and visiting agents in the various departments assigned to them.

Although the condition of the freedmen has been much improved in many respects, yet it is the opinion of those who have given the most attention to the subject during the past year, that a committee should be appointed to continue such action in their behalf as way may open for.

It is believed that the funds now on hand together with the rents to be received for the houses and sale of store, will defray the expenses of the educational and industrial departments in Washington for the coming year ; but we have been urged by the Commissioner of the Freedmen's Bureau to furnish teachers and establish some schools in rural districts where they are greatly needed. Should this request be complied with, the further contributions of Friends will be necessary, and teachers must be secured for the ensuing autumn.

Except in isolated cases very little of extreme physical suffering now exists among the freedmen ; but their need not only of the elements of literary instruction but of moral and religious culture were never more urgent than at the present time ; and while fields of almost utter destitution in these respects are open before us, we trust that the interest and the labor of Friends will be continued for their relief.

In conclusion, such of the committee as have visited the schools feel abundantly compensated for the time and attention they have bestowed, by witnessing the zeal of our teachers, together with the thirst for knowledge of these little ones, which have, in some instances, produced results rarely witnessed in schools of the same grade at the North. The care and labor bestowed upon these hitherto neglected children, have been not only as "bread cast upon the waters," but their immediate reward has been fifty and one hundred fold ; and we feel that we have much cause for gratitude to our heavenly Father who has so abundantly blessed these efforts in their behalf.

FINANCIAL REPORT.

Received from C. F. Coffin, Treasurer.....	\$2,989 41
do for Rents of Houses.....	882 13

Total.....\$3,871 54

Paid for repairing buildings.....	\$217 60
“ “ Salaries of Teachers.....	1,128 23
“ “ School Books and Stationery.....	80 24
Lumber and carpenter work on School Rooms	69 82
Fuel for Schools and Mission.....	272 89
All other Mission Family Expenses.....	2,112 76

\$3,871 54

All of which we respectfully submit.

On behalf of the Committee, { EDWARD W. HOWLAND,
ANN B. EARLE.

Newport, 6 Mo. 17th, 1867.

Report of the Treasurer of New England Friends' Washington Mission for Freedmen.

The receipts have been for the past year.

Balance from last year.....	553 63
From Smithfield, Quarterly Meeting.....	400 00
“ Fairfield, “ “	292 00
“ Sandwich, “ “	1083 82
“ Falmouth, “ “	55 65
“ Vassalboro, “ “	233 00
“ Rhode Island, “ “	712 50
“ Salem, “ “	779 00
“ Dover, “ “	155 00

\$4,264 60

The Expenditure from the Treasury the past year has been—

Amount drawn by the Washington Committee for support of the Mission.....	\$2,989 41
Balance in the Treasury.....	1,275 19

\$4,264 60

C. F. COFFIN, *Treasurer.*

Newport, 6th Mo. 17th, 1867.

Adjourned to 4 o'clock this afternoon.

Afternoon, met by adjournment.

The Committee of this Meeting appointed last year to unite

with similar committees of other Yearly Meetings in adopting such measures, as way might open for to promote the cause of Peace, presented the subjoined report, which is very satisfactory to this Meeting. This vitally important subject claimed the deep interest of the Meeting, and fervent were our desires that every effort consistent with the truth and with our ancient testimony in relation to the unlawfulness of war, should be pursued, and with this view this Meeting refers the subject to the solid consideration of the Meeting for Sufferings, and they are requested to give it their careful and prayerful attention; and if, in their judgment, it is desirable to proceed in adopting any practical measures as a body, previously to our next annual meeting, they are authorized to attend thereto on our behalf, and report next year.

TO THE YEARLY MEETING:

The Committee appointed at our last Yearly Meeting to meet in conference with Committees from other Yearly Meetings to deliberate upon the subject of taking measures for the promotion of Peace, Report:

That all their number except one, met in Baltimore with the other Committees at the time appointed, and the responsibility resting upon them was deeply felt, and fervent desires raised for that help, by which alone they could be properly qualified for the service assigned them.

A very lively concern was manifested for the faithful maintenance of our principles against all wars and fightings, and for the encouragement of our members in adhering without compromise to our testimonies in relation to the peaceable nature of the kingdom of Christ.

Encouraging communications from the Meeting for Sufferings of London, and from friends in Ireland, were received and read, expressive of their unity and sympathy with friends in the object of their meeting.

An address to our own members exhorting them to increased faithfulness in maintaining our testimony against war was prepared and read, and an edition thereof printed and sent to our Yearly Meetings for distribution.

A copy of the address is herewith presented:—

TO MEMBERS OF THE RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS.

Dear Friends and Brethren:—Assembled as Delegates from the Yearly Meetings, of New England, New York, Ohio, Indiana, Western Iowa, Baltimore and North Carolina, to confer together upon the best means of promoting a more thorough acceptance and support of the principles of Peace in the world; our hearts have been drawn with

affectionate solicitude to the members of our own Religious Society, with earnest desires that as they profess to be subjects of the Prince of Peace, their submission to his commands may become more entire, and their light shine more brightly before men. With these feelings, we are constrained to address you, and to ask your prayerful consideration of this very important subject. We do not propose to enter into lengthened argument—the testimony of ancient prophecy concerning our Redeemer, as the Prince of Peace, and to the peaceable nature of His Kingdom is clear and pointed, and when in connection with this, we consider the angelic anthem accompanying His advent into the world, His own example, His positive precepts and injunctions, together with many declarations of His Apostles,* we cannot fail to be confirmed in the conviction that peace is the necessary consequence of the full acceptance of the Gospel of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.

And when, furthermore, we call to mind the practical testimony of the early Christian Church, for which not a few of its members suffered martyrdom, and the faithfulness of our own Religious Society, in this respect, from its origin to the present time, under the various and trying circumstances by which its members have sometimes been surrounded, we must acknowledge ourselves to be under very strong obligations to uphold, in all its fullness, this Gospel truth.

We would remind you, dear friends, that it is through “faith and patience” we are to “inherit the promises,” and you know that we are sometimes called into suffering for our Lord, and for his cause—great sacrifices may be required of us, but powerful indeed is the influence upon others, of meek and patient endurance for the sake of Jesus.

Whilst earnestly desirous that we may be faithful to our enlightened convictions of duty, whatever it may cost us, we would remind you, for your encouragement, that many remarkable interpositions of an Almighty Providence in favor of those who have refused to engage in war have been experienced. The history of our Religious Society furnishes many instances (some of which have occurred in our own time) in which the Lord hath shown Himself strong on behalf of those whose hearts were upright before him. Although the kingdoms of this world are not yet “become the kingdoms of our Lord, and of His Christ,” yet He reserves to Himself the power of an over-ruling providence, by which He causes “all things,” whether labors or sufferings,

*Psl. lxxii. 7; Isa. ii. 4; ix. 6; xi. 9; lii. 7; Neh. i. 4; Hos. ii. 18; Isa. i. 6; Matt. v. 16-44; xviii. 35; xxvi. 67; xxvii. 30; Lu. ii. 14; Rom. xii. 17-26; Pet. ii. 21; Jam. iv. 1, &c., &c.

to "work together for good to them that love Him." He knows what is best for us, and for His cause. Whilst, then, we would encourage you to render a willing obedience to all requisitions of the Government under which we live, which do not conflict with the paramount law of Christ, let us remember that our primary allegiance is to Him who has paid the price of our redemption, even the King of Kings, and Lord of Lords. "The Lord is our Law-giver, the Lord is our King, He will save us." Isa. xxxii. 22. Let us dedicate ourselves afresh to His service, and may our love abound more and more, both amongst ourselves and towards all men. Then we shall not be content to bear a negative witness for our Lord on this point, but will diligently press upon the attention of others this important Christian testimony. This may be done by parents and teachers early and persistently impressing the great principles of Peace upon the minds of their children, both at home, in school, in our First Day Schools and Bible Classes, by the circulation of appropriate tracts, by lectures, or by clear forcible articles written for the religious and secular press; and if in any other manner we may be able to diffuse light on this subject, "let us do with our might whatsoever our hands find to do," and let our earnest and united prayer be, "Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth as it is in heaven.

Signed by direction and on behalf of the Conference,

FRANCIS T. KING, CLERK.

Baltimore, 11th Month 16th, 1866.

An address to other christian professors was also prepared and read, and referred to a committee for revision to be reported again at the adjournment of the conference.

The propriety and expediency of memorializing Congress, requesting that body to take measures for promoting the settlement of international difficulties, without resorting to the sword, was very fully considered, but way did not open for any action thereon.

It was concluded to propose to our several Yearly Meetings, that they appoint standing committees on peace, in order to give increased efficiency to our testimony in relation thereto.

Much harmony and condescension prevailed in the consideration of the various subjects brought before the conference, all of which were disposed of in the spirit of love, and we believe that the time spent together, was a season of encouragement one to another; and the Meeting adjourned to meet again in Richmond, Indiana, in the 3d month.

At the time and place agreed upon, the Meeting again assembled.

Unavoidable circumstances prevented the delegates from New England from being present, and none were there from Iowa. By the Secretary of the Conference, we are informed that a memorial to Congress was prepared, petitioning that body to take measures for the settlement of international difficulties without resorting to the sword; and a committee was appointed to present the memorial at its next session.

It was concluded to recommend to the Yearly Meetings that the Standing Committees on Peace (should the Yearly Meetings see fit to appoint them), should each appoint two of their number, who are to unite as a general executive committee to forward the promotion of peace, and that the Yearly Meetings raise the sum of \$10,000, annually, in the following proportions, to be expended by said committee for the furtherance of this cause:

New England, 19 per cent.

Ohio, 10 per cent.

New York, 19 per cent.

Indiana, 26 per cent.

Baltimore, 5 per cent.

Western, 12 per cent.

North Carolina, 2 per cent.

Iowa, 9 per cent.

It is also proposed that the first session of this executive committee be held at Damascus, Ohio, on the 3d Fourth day, the 20th of 11 mo. 1867.

The subject of asking the co-operation of other evangelical churches and their members, in the cause which brought the conference together, was very fully considered, and a general feeling existed in favor of such co-operation.

But as no definite plan of action was presented, the whole subject was referred to the executive committee, which it is proposed should be appointed.

The address to other christian professors, was again presented and read, and after a time of consideration it was referred to the general executive committee for its disposal.

The Conference then adjourned.

WM. C. TABER,
SAMUEL BOYCE,
JOHN PAIGE,
JOSEPH CARTLAND.

The Committee of this Meeting in relation to our long existing concern for the Penobscot and Passamaquoddy Indians, made the following report, viz., which, with verbal statements from the Committee is interesting and satisfactory to us. The

Committee are continued under appointment and authorized to draw from the treasury Fifty Dollars, to render them a little encouragement and to manifest our continued remembrance of them.

TO THE YEARLY MEETING IN THE 6TH MO., 1867.

The Committee having charge of the concern of the Yearly Meeting in relation to the Penobscot and Passamaquoddy tribes of Indians

REPORT: That they have given attention to the object of their appointment, as far as way has opened and circumstances seemed to require.

Of the Passamaquoddies, we have little to say more than their number continues nearly the same with but little change from year to year. They are in a general condition of thrift, and nearly all the children have some school advantages.

The School Committee of Oldtown whose duty it is annually to take the census of the tribe, not having made their returns for the last year we are unable to give their number. It is probable however, that they have somewhat diminished as there has been an unusual number of cases of sickness and death. By the last census reported, the number was five hundred.

The following extract from the Indian Agent's report shows what is being done in the way of education. "Schools have been taught by female teachers on Oldtown, Olamon and Mattanawcook islands, under the immediate superintendence of the several School Committees named in the appropriation act.

The management of this department has been prudent and satisfactory to the scholars and parents.

The attendance and progress of the pupils have been as good as heretofore, and most of the adult members of the tribe manifest a commendable zeal and interest in the welfare of their schools."

A new and commodious school building has been erected during the past year, on Oldtown Island, and the expense defrayed by an appropriation from the state.

The lands of the tribe, comprising the islands in the Penobscot river are every year growing less productive, the prevailing practice being to sell hay rather than keep stock to eat it.

The past year, with the exception of the increased sickness, we believe on the whole to have been prosperous. A good harvest was gathered, and fair prices were realized for their crops and furs.

We would propose that the Committee be authorized to draw on the Treasurer for the amount of fifty dollars if circumstances require it in carrying out the concern of this meeting concerning these tribes.

On behalf of the Committee,

STEPHEN JONES,

Newport, 6th Mo., 19th, 1867.

[*Committee.*—John D. Lang, Stephen Jones, Joseph Taber, Nathan Douglas, Allen Wing, Caleb Nichols, Samuel Taylor, Eli Jones, Alfred H. Jones, Henry T. Wood, George Richardson and Joseph Estes.]

The Committee appointed this morning to propose the names of friends to compose a Meeting for Sufferings, presented the following, which are satisfactory to us; and they are accordingly appointed to represent this meeting during the ensuing year, and to act on our behalf in relation to subjects which may claim their attention, according to the organization and design of that meeting, to report their proceedings to us next year, viz :

David Buffum, Perez Peck, Joseph Metcalf, Samuel Boyd Tobey, John D. Lang, Samuel Boyce, Joseph Taber of Albion, Stephen Jones, David K. Aikin, Stephen A. Chase, William Farr, William C. Taber, Tobias Meader, Alden Sampson, William A. Robinson, Stephen Beede, Gilbert Congdon, Richard Battey, Henry M. Minott, John Page, Charles R. Tucker, Lemuel Gifford, Nathan Breed of Lynn, George Bowen, Newell Hoxie, David Kelley, Edward Earle, Joseph Cartland, of North Providence, George Howland, Jr., Edward W. Howland, Charles M. Bailey, Reuben T. Jones, Charles F. Coffin, Matthew Howland, William Austin Brown, Newell Ordway, Thomas Harkness, Obadiah Chase, Josiah Holmes, Jr., Abraham Winslow.

The Committee to settle the Treasurer's account, and for other purposes, made the following report, viz :

TO THE YEARLY MEETING :

The Committee appointed to settle with the Treasurer, and for other purposes, have attended to the duty assigned them, and find a balance due the Yearly Meeting, amounting to \$708.87. They

recommend that the sum of Three Thousand Dollars be raised for the use of the Meeting the ensuing year, and nominate David Buffum for Treasurer.

For the Committee.

WILLIAM A. ROBINSON,

Newport, 6th month 19th, 1867.

Which is approved, and our several Quarterly Meetings are requested to raise their respective quotas of three thousand dollars, and forward the same to our friend David Buffum, whom we reappoint our Treasurer, for the ensuing year.

The Committee to propose names of friends to constitute a School Committee, presented the following, viz:

David Buffum, Samuel Boyd Tobey, William A. Robinson, William C. Taber, Gilbert Congdon, Samuel Boyce, Charles R. Tucker, Gideon C. Smith, Alden Sampson, George Howland, Jr., Edward Earle, Joseph Cartland, Richard Battey, Alfred H. Jones, Charles F. Coffin of Lynn, Charles Taber, which are satisfactory to this Meeting and those friends are accordingly appointed to unite with a similiar Committee of women friends, to have charge of the Boarding School during the ensuing year, and report next year.

[*Women's Committee.*—Sarah F. Tobey, Ann B. Earle, Dorcas B. Robinson, Eliza B. Boyce, Rebecca C. Grinnell, Dorcas F. Tucker, Rhoda H. Taber, Sarah Sampson, Anna T. Dennis, Gertrude W. Cartland, Rachel B. Nichols, Mary R. Jones, Mercy K. Wing, Gulielma Freeborn, Ann Colton and Gulielma W. Howland.]

A testimony of Vassalboro Monthly Meeting endorsed by Vassalboro Quarterly Meeting, concerning our late dear Friend Anna Cates, was presented at this time, and being approved, it is directed that it be recorded. This memorial has brought our late beloved friend sweetly to our remembrance.

The Committee in relation to a reprint of the London general Epistle, report that the service has been attended to, and put in packages for the several Quarterly Meetings, which the representatives are requested to take into their care.

Adjourned to 4 o'clock to-morrow afternoon.

Fifth day, afternoon, the 20th, the meeting again assembled according to adjournment. The Representatives all present.

The Committee on Education presented the subjoined Report which is satisfactory to us and we desire the encouragement of the Committee in the discharge of the interesting duties confided to them—with the substitution of James G. Arnold for Timothy K. Earle and of Albert H. Jones, for our friend Eli Jones now absent from our country, the same friends are continued under appointment for the ensuing year.

TO THE YEARLY MEETING :

The Committee on the subject of Education report, that we have endeavored to give attention to the important subjects under our care, although the labor of this Committee must necessarily be of an individual nature and therefore, not showing such immediate results as might be expected, yet we are encouraged to believe that there is an increasing interest amongst our members, particularly on the subject of Scriptural instruction. By reference to the statistical information herewith presented, it appears, that there has been an increase in the attendance of First day Schools of nearly two hundred. Through the action of the Committee, a conference on the subject of Scriptural instruction was held in the 8th month last at Lynn, and proved to be an interesting and instructive occasion.

We desire to call the attention of our members to the fact, presented by the returns, that but 210 of the 961 of our children attend schools for literary instruction, that are under the care of Friends, believing, that during the impressible period of childhood, we should make use of all laudable means to guard our dear children from the contaminating influence of the world,

On behalf of the Committee,

SAMUEL GIFFORD, Clerk.

The number of Friends' children in the Yearly Meeting between the ages of five and twenty-one years.....	961
The number of Monthly Meeting Schools.....	2
The number of Preparative Meeting Schools.....	—
The number of Family Schools.....	2
The number of Friends' children who have attended school the past year.....	835
The number who have attended school, taught by Friends or under their control.....	210

The number of our members engaged in teaching the past year	117
The number obtaining an education at Academies and Colleges, not under the care of Friends.....	75
The number of First Day Schools under the care of Friends.	48
Average length of time...months.....	7½
The number of Scholars attending these Schools.....	1,748
The number of Friends attending these Schools	1,008
The number of Teachers engaged in them.....	208
The number of Bible Classes.....	29
The number attending Bible Classes.....	486
The number of Friends attending Bible Classes.....	391
The whole number of Friends belonging to the Yearly Meeting on the first day of 5th mo. 1867... ..	4,507

[*Committee*.—Joseph E. Macomber, Solomon R. Knowles, Samuel Austin, Abel F. Collins, Samuel Gifford, Nathan Breed of Weare, John H. Crossman, Abraham J. Huntington, Edward W. Ewer, Nathan T. Shepherd, Matthew Barney, Isaac R. Potter, Adrian Davis, Charles Taber, Isaac Steere, Nathan Babcock, James G. Arnold, George Douglas, Henry M. Minott, Nathan Pope, Silas H. Cartland, Thomas B. Nichols, Alfred H. Jones, Jedediah J. Varney, Amos D. Purington, Albert C. Buffum, George Varney, George Richardson, Levi Jones, Joseph S. Hawkes, Benjamin G. Shepherd, and Prince G. Moore.

Women's Committee.—Cynthia Bowen, Gulielma Freeborn, Mary W. Atwater, Mary D. Collins, Mary Slade, Lydia P. Chase, Elizabeth Page, Susan L. Beede, Elizabeth C. Wing, Ruth A. Shepherd, Lydia Swain, Huldah B. Gifford, Rebecca A. Church, Susan Taber, Abigail S. Battey, Lydia B. Dow, Abigail Wheeler, Jane C. Minott, Salome J. Goddard, Lydia M. Pope, Anna H. Cartland, Rachel B. Nichols, Sybil Jones, Jane H. Varney, Anna M. Evans, Eliza P. Varney, Abigail Gould, Hannah R. Wing, Mary J. Page, and Zilpha Shepherd.]

A Testimony of Durham Monthly Meeting, endorsed by Falmouth Quarterly Meeting concerning our late dear friend Mary P. Varney, was received, which is approved and directed to be recorded—and we desire that her instructive life may be usefully remembered and emulated by us.

The Clerk is directed to furnish our friend James N. Richardson with the following minute signed on our behalf viz :

“ *To Lisburn Monthly Meeting of Friends, Ireland :*

Our beloved friend James N. Richardson attended this meeting. His company and religious services have been truly acceptable.”

The Clerk is directed to sign on our behalf the following minute for our friend Samuel Bewley, viz :

“ *To Dublin Monthly Meeting of Friends, Ireland :*

We have in attendance of this meeting our beloved friend Samuel Bewley, whose company is truly acceptable to us.”

The Clerk is directed to sign on our behalf the following minute for our friend Nathan Elliott, and similar ones for our friends Hannah S. Fry, Julia Valentine, Sarah F. Smiley, Ellen M. Nicholson, Joseph Stanley, William Jenkins, Edith Griffith, Mary Elliott, Abigail B. Kelley, Theodate S. Pope, Robert W. Douglas, Daniel McPherson and Lindley M. Hoag, viz :

“ Our beloved friend Nathan Elliott, attended this meeting. His company and religious services have been acceptable to us.

The Clerk is directed to sign on our behalf the following minute for our friend Amos Griffith, and similar ones for our friends Mary Wood, Phebe Contant, Catharine Elliott, Ann J. Matthews, Margaret H. White, Hannah Johnson, Isaac Stanley and Alton Pope, viz :

“ Our beloved friend Amos Griffith attended this meeting. His company has been acceptable to us.”

A Testimony of Durham Monthly Meeting endorsed by Falmouth Quarterly Meeting, concerning our late valued friend Eunice W. Day, was presented and read, and being approved, it is directed that it be recorded. In the decease of this our beloved friend, we realize that the church militant on earth has sustained a great loss, but that she is united to the church triumphant in heaven.

The Committee on correspondence presented essays of Epistles to our dear brethren of London, Ireland, New York, Baltimore, North Carolina, Ohio, Indiana, Western, Iowa, and Canada

Yearly Meetings, which being approved, the Clerk is directed to sign them on our behalf and forward them to those meetings respectively.

The Clerk is directed to cause 2,500 copies of the Minutes of this meeting to be printed and distributed as heretofore.

The various important concerns of the Church claiming our attention have been satisfactorily disposed of. Love and unity have been abundantly manifest, and we have mercifully witnessed that the great Head of the Church has been near us — blessed be his holy name. We now conclude, closely united in christian fellowship, proposing to meet again at this place at the same time, next year, if the Lord permit.

SAMUEL BOYD TOBEY, *Clerk.*

MINUTES

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MINUTES.

At the Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England, held on Rhode Island, beginning with public meetings for worship, at Newport and Portsmouth, on first day the 14th, and at Newport for discipline, on second day the 15th of Sixth month, 1868.

Our beloved friend Samuel Boyd Tobey, who has for many years served the meeting very acceptably as its clerk, having been removed by death, and our discipline providing that in case of the absence of the clerk, the clerk of the meeting for sufferings shall act in that capacity during the first sitting; Samuel Boyce, clerk of that meeting, will serve the meeting at this time.

By reports from our several Quarterly Meetings the Representatives therein named are:—

From RHODE ISLAND, David Buffum, Thomas Harkness, Perez Peck, Samuel Gifford, Abner Slade, Peter H. Collins, Wm. A. Robinson, Gilbert Congdon, William Chase, George Bowen, Jonathan Freeborn, and Joseph C. Anthony.

From SALEM, Newell Ordway, John H. Crosman, Nathan Breed of Lynn, John Page, Charles F. Coffin, William A. Brown, Samuel Boyce, Josiah D. Challis, Jabez Wood, Moses F. Rogers, Daniel Beede, and Moses Sawyer.

From SANDWICH, David K. Aiken, Josiah Holmes, jr., Rufus Sherman, Edward G. Dillingham, Henry T. Wood, Charles Taber, John Wood, jr., William P. Howland, Gideon Gifford, Isaac R. Gifford, and Newell Hoxie.

From FALMOUTH, Calvin S. Goddard, Freeman Andrews, John Cartland, Abram Winslow, Stephen Cartland, Ezekiel Varney, jr., William Hall, and Isaiah Fry.

From SMITHFIELD, Samuel H. Colton, Richard Battey, Edward Earle, Greely Dow, Jonathan F. Southwick, Anthony Chase, and John Barnes.

From VASSALBORO', Thomas B. Nichols, Charles B. Cates, Ebenezer Fry, Levi Gardner, John D. Lang, Josiah Philbrick, Caleb Nichols, Cyrus Estes, Jonathan Estes, Hezekiah Pope, Stephen Jones, and Franklin Dunham.

From DOVER, John Estes, Jacob K. Purinton, Albert C. Buffum, George Estes, and Joseph H. Pratt.

From FAIRFIELD, George Richardson, Levi Jones, David Dudley, Charles M. Bailey, Isaac Winslow, and Reuben T. Jones,

whose names being called, they were all present but four; for the absence of three of whom sufficient reasons were assigned.

We have at this time the acceptable company of our beloved friends, William Henry Chase and Lydia Greene, from New York Yearly Meeting; Edward C. Young, from Ohio; John Henry Douglas and Harriet Steere, from Indiana, and William Wetherald, from Canada; who have produced satisfactory testimonials from their respective meetings, which have been read, expressive of unity with them as ministers, and with their prospects of religious engagements amongst us.

We have also the acceptable company of our beloved friend Daniel McPherson, from Indiana, who was present at our last Yearly Meeting, and whose certificate read at that time has again been presented and read.

We have likewise the acceptable company of our beloved friend Francis T. King, from Baltimore Yearly Meeting, who has presented a minute of concurrence from his Monthly Meeting informing that he is an elder in unity, which has been read.

We have also the acceptable company of our dear friends

Elizabeth C. Underhill, companion to Lydia Greene; Joseph W. Jay, companion to Edward C. Young; and Lydia Mary McPherson, companion to her husband Daniel McPherson, who have produced minutes from their respective meetings expressive of unity with them as members and with their present religious engagements.

By the reports from our Quarterly Meetings, it appears that Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting has united with South Kingston Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Peter H. Collins to the station of elder.

That Timothy C. Collins, a minister of South Kingston Monthly Meeting, deceased 5th month 5th, 1867, aged 68 years, 4 months and 1 day.

That Moses H. Beede, a minister and member of Providence Monthly Meeting, deceased the 19th of 6th month, 1867, aged 72 years, 1 month and 6 days.

That Samuel Boyd Tobey, also a minister and member of that meeting, deceased 23d of 6th month, 1867, aged 61 years, 7 months and 11 days.

That Joseph Metcalf, an elder and member of the same Monthly Meeting, deceased 27th of 12th month, 1867, aged 84 years and 2 months.

That Joanna Peck, an elder and member of Greenwich Monthly Meeting, deceased the 15th of 10th month, 1867, aged 81 years, 6 months and 16 days.

Salem informs that they have united with Seabrook Monthly Meeting in approving the public appearances in the ministry of Mercy S. Milliken.

That Avis Keene, a minister and member of Salem Monthly Meeting, deceased the 13th of 10th month, 1867, aged nearly 87 years.

Sandwich informs that Hannah Slade, a minister and member of Dartmouth Monthly Meeting, deceased 5th month 1st, 1867, aged 79 years, 8 months and 2 days, and that Barbara Gifford, an elder and member of Westport Monthly Meeting, deceased 10th month 6th, 1867, aged 84 years, 10 months and 26 days.

Falmouth informs that they have united with Limington Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Eunice D. Cartland to the station of elder.

That Jesse Crossman, an elder and member of Durham Monthly Meeting, died 7th month 31st, 1867, aged 82 years; and that Henry M. Minott, an elder and member of Falmouth Monthly Meeting, died 1st month 7th, 1868, aged 64 years.

Smithfield informs that Elijah Harkness, an elder and member of Uxbridge Monthly Meeting, died 11th month 13th, 1865, aged 88 years and 2 months.

That Catharine Comstock, an elder and member of Smithfield Monthly Meeting, died 6th month 20th, 1867, aged 73 years.

And that Lucy F. Collins, a minister and member of Bolten Monthly Meeting, died 3d month 21st, 1868, aged 58 years, 1 month and 19 days.

Vassalboro' informs that they have appointed James Pope and Emily E. Dudley to the station of elders, and that Hannah Jones, an elder and member of China Monthly Meeting, died the 17th of 3d month, 1868, aged 85 years.

That John Moulton, an elder and member of Unity Monthly Meeting, died the 27th of 11th month, 1867, aged 63 years.

And that Unity Monthly Meeting proposes William Taber for correspondent of that meeting, instead of Joseph Taber removed from its limits.

Dover informs that they have united with Dover Monthly meeting in acknowledging the gift and approving the public appearance in the ministry of Anna Maria Evans.

And that they have also united with Berwick Monthly Meeting in acknowledging the gift and public appearances in the ministry of Lucinda Pinkham.

Fairfield informs that Reuben Jones, a minister and member of Litchfield Monthly Meeting, deceased 17th of 2d month, 1868, in the 81st year of his age.

And that Mary Coffin, an elder and member of Sidney Monthly Meeting, deceased 28th of 8th month, 1867, aged 69 years and 10 months.

The London printed Epistle for the year 1867 has been received and read, to our comfort, edification and encouragement; and in order that the instructive counsel therein contained may be more generally spread throughout our Yearly Meeting, we appoint our friends, Charles R. Tucker and Charles Taber a committee to attend to a reprint of 3,000 copies thereof for distribution among our subordinate meetings; the committee is requested to apportion them among the Quarterly Meetings, and place them in the hands of the Representatives.

Epistles from the Yearly Meetings of London, Dublin, New York and Baltimore, were read, and the meeting then adjourned to the 4th hour in the afternoon.

Afternoon, Friends again met.

David Buffum, on behalf of the Representatives, reported that they had conferred together and had concluded to propose Samuel Boyce for clerk, and Charles R. Tucker for assistant clerk, which nominations were approved by the meeting, and they were accordingly appointed to those services for the year.

Epistles from North Carolina, Ohio, Indiana, Western, Iowa and Canada were now read.

On the reading of these testimonials of brotherly regard our beloved friends of other Yearly Meetings were brought near to us in the love of the gospel, and we appoint Charles R. Tucker, Benjamin H. Jones, Gilbert Congdon, William C. Taber, Newell Hoxie, Augustine Jones, Stephen A. Chase, Charles Taber, Chas. F. Coffin, Samuel Boyce, Thomas B. Nichols, John D. Lang, Stephen Beede, Richard Battey, Charles B. Cates, Samuel Gifford, Matthew Howland, John Page, Edward Earle, Joseph Cartland, John Barnes, Henry T. Wood, James G. Arnold, William A. Brown, Newell Ordway, David Buffum, John Milton Earle, and Stephen Dillingham, to prepare as way may open for it, essays of epistles to those Yearly Meetings, and present them at a future sitting.

All the Quarterly Meetings report that they have given the necessary attention to the raising of Yearly Meeting stock as directed last year.

Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting requests that this meeting may take into consideration the subject of a new apportionment of stock to be raised by the Quarterly Meeting, and we appoint our friends, Wm. A. Robinson, Moses F. Rogers, George Howland, Jr., Elisha Jones, Samuel H. Colton, Hezekiah Pope, Jacob K. Purinton, and Charles M. Bailey to take the subject into consideration, and report their views thereon at a future meeting.

Said Committee are also requested to audit and settle the accounts of our Treasurer; to propose a sum of money sufficient to defray the expenses of this meeting the coming year, and to report the name of a Friend for Treasurer.

Dover Quarterly Meeting requests that the time of holding their Quarterly Meetings be at 10½ o'clock A. M., instead of 11 as heretofore; which, being approved by the Meeting, the change is accordingly made.

The report of our Boarding School Committee was at this time received and read, and the attention given by them to the concerns of the Institution is satisfactory to this Meeting, and we appoint our friends William A. Robinson, Thomas Harkness, Thomas Folsom, John Page, William P. Howland, Henry T. Wood, Stephen Cartland, Abram Winslow, John Milton Earle, Richard Battey, Stephen Jones, Jedediah J. Varney, Stephen Beede, Jacob K. Purinton, Charles M. Bailey, and Reuben T. Jones, to bring forward at a future sitting the names of Friends for a School Committee for the coming year.

The Report is as follows:

TO THE YEARLY MEETING,

The Committee in charge of the Boarding School, report, that during the Autumn term there were in attendance 172 pupils, viz: 101 males and 71 females.

In the Spring term 150 pupils, viz: 97 males and 53 females.

The officers of the Institution have been Albert K. Smiley, Principal; Alfred H. Smiley, Associate Principal; Rebecca H. Smiley, Principal of the Female Department; John F. Rowell, Alice R. Wing, and Sarah A. Taber, teachers of English Branches; William B. Phillips, teacher of Ancient and Modern Languages; and

George W. Wiggin, teacher of Mathematics. Mary A. Cornell and Sarah F. Coffin have been employed as teachers of English branches during the Autumn and Spring terms respectively; and Sarah A. Taber, in addition to her other duties, has had charge of the drawing classes. Under this organization the interests of the Institution have in every respect received careful attention, and the progress of the pupils in their studies has been satisfactory.

During the past year the pupils have attended the meetings held in the city on First day morning and in the middle of the week, except that occasionally, during inclement weather, meetings have been held on First day morning at the school; which have been attended by one or more members of the Committee. On First day afternoons and evenings, portions of time have been regularly devoted to Bible instruction, and the reading of such selections as were thought calculated to fasten upon the susceptible minds of the pupils impressions that might tend to their future benefit.

The daily practice of reading portions of the Holy Scriptures at the breakfast table, and before retiring for the night, is still continued.

The health of the school has been remarkably good during the past year, and we have gratefully to acknowledge the continued kindness of our Heavenly Father for this blessing.

The report of the Auditing Committee shows that the income of the school during the year ending 6th month 24th, 1868, will exceed the current expenditures by about five thousand three hundred dollars, which has been appropriated to reduce the debt of the Institution.

Alumni Hall, which was in process of erection at the time of our last report, has been completed and was, with the girls' lodging rooms, thrown open to the use of the pupils at the commencement of the Spring term.

The whole cost of the building, including furnishing, grading grounds, and other expenses connected with its erection is

\$43,202 44

There was contributed by the Alumni Association \$10,870 24

Net profits of the school during the past four years appropriated to this object 17,149 42

\$28,019 66

Leaving the amount of indebtedness of the school at the close of the present term

\$15,182 78

The anticipated benefits resulting from the erection of the Alumni Building have been more than realized.

The superior accommodations furnished the girls have added largely to their comfort and produced a decided improvement in their general health, especially diminishing the number of colds.

The charges for board and tuition for the ensuing year of forty weeks, we propose should be as follows ; one-half payable at the commencement of the school, and one-half at the opening after recess, viz :

For members of our Yearly Meeting,	\$150 00
For members of other Yearly Meetings, or when one or both parents are members of our religious society, or for scholars sent at the expense of such,	\$190 00
For all others that may be admitted,	\$300 00
An additional charge of ten dollars is made for one years' instruction in Latin, Greek, French, German, or Drawing.	

Pupils may be withdrawn at the close of the half year *only* when application is made therefor at the time of entering. It is very desirable that the number of those who are withdrawn at the close of the first half year may be as small as possible, as, in the arrangement of classes and studies, reference is made, primarily to those who remain through the year, constituting as they do, a large majority of the school, and it will therefore happen that those who remain but half the term will receive much less than a proportionate share of advantage.

Applications for admission should be made seasonably for the meeting of the Committee on the 14th of seventh month next. Those who are members of our Yearly Meeting, will have precedence of all others up to that date, after which, applications will be considered in the order in which they are received. Applications should be made to the Principal. Address Albert K. Smiley, Principal, Friends' Boarding School, Providence, R. I.

The Committee were induced, in order to meet some urgent cases, to anticipate the income from the charitable fund, consequently there will be no available means from that source the ensuing year, and it is expected that the United States legacy tax will absorb the ensuing years' income from the Metcalf donation.

In conclusion the Committee feel assured that the literary standing of the school has been well maintained—its discipline carefully administered, and its finances prudently and efficiently managed. They therefore would commend it to the confidence

of Friends, trusting that with the blessing of our Holy Head upon the religious engagement of its founders, and the concern of the Church to promote the religious and literary education of the young people under our care, that this Institution will continue to be instrumental for good to our religious society.

On behalf of the Committee,

WM. C. TABER, *Clerk.*

Providence, 6 Mo. 2d, 1868.

The School Year begins 9th month 2d, 1868.

Recess of two weeks begins 1st month 20th, 1869.

Second half year begins 2d month 3d, 1869.

We appoint Thomas Harkness, Joseph P. Newhall, David Kelly, Lemuel Jones, Amos Collins, Charles B. Cates, Timothy B. Hussey, and Levi Jones, to prepare a summary of the answers to the queries, and present it at our next sitting.

Adjourned to meet again at ten o'clock to-morrow morning.

Third day morning the 16th, met pursuant to adjournment.

The Representatives are present the same as yesterday.

The meeting entered upon the consideration of the state of society by the reading of the queries and answers, during which a very precious covering was spread over us, attended with a comforting evidence that the blessed Head of the Church was near to do us good.

And having proceeded as far as the second query inclusive, the meeting then adjourned to four o'clock in the afternoon.

Afternoon, Friends again met, and the meeting proceeded to the reading of the remainder of the queries and answers.

During the whole of this interesting engagement, we were in mercy favored to feel the overshadowing of our Heavenly Father's presence and our absent brethren were brought very near to us in the love of the gospel.

The answers to the queries evinced as heretofore, deficiencies in the maintenance of our Christian testimonies, prominent among which, is a want of the due attendance of our meetings for religious worship.

We were most tenderly reminded of the obligations we are under to Him from whom all our blessings, both temporal and

spiritual come, to meet together, for the performance of this duty.

If we were concerned in sincerity to seek first the kingdom of Heaven and His righteousness, we should not let these seasons pass by without improving them; we should in watchfulness and prayer guard against letting the things of the world so engross our minds, as to prevent us from meeting with our brethren for the purpose of acknowledging our dependence upon, and our allegiance to, the Great King of Kings.

We should prize it as an invaluable blessing to sit down with our friends at the Lord's table, and there partake of that spiritual refreshment, that heavenly bread which can alone nourish up the soul unto everlasting life.

With those who belong to very small meetings we were brought into near and tender sympathy, with ardent desires that they be not discouraged on account of the smallness of their numbers, but in true and living faith manifest their love for the Saviour by meeting even with the two or three that are gathered in His name, remembering that He hath promised to be amongst them. We believe that we cannot properly perform the duties we owe to our Lord and Master without attending in watchfulness and prayer our religious meetings, and may we consider it a high privilege to be permitted so to do — may we number this among our choice blessings. Our Lord and Saviour remains the same to-day that ever he was, and every blessing conferred upon us brings additional responsibility.

Do we sufficiently realize this? Do we consider the marvelous love of our blessed Lord and Saviour?

Do we consider the declaration, when He said greater love hath no man than this that a man lay down his life for his friends; and ye are my friends if ye do whatsoever I command you.

One of His commandments is that we love one another. And if our hearts were filled with the love of God, there would be no room for detraction. We should not be willing to speak evil of a brother for whom as for ourselves Christ died.

If we remember that it is only as we forgive our brethren

their trespasses that we can be forgiven, we cannot entertain any hardness towards them, and all bitterness and evil speaking would be done away, and we should be found bringing forth the fruit of the spirit which is love, joy, peace, long-suffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance, for against such there is no law.

Friends were fervently encouraged to increased diligence, in the faithful maintenance of all our Christian testimonies, and fervent desires were expressed that we may all be found walking worthy of the vocation wherewith we are called, manifesting by our lives and conversation that we are the followers of a crucified Saviour, redeemed from the world, and thus become as a city set on a hill, the light whereof cannot be hid.

SUMMARY.

Ans. 1st. — All our meetings for religious worship and discipline have been attended, except the following omissions, viz: in Rhode Island, Quarterly, meeting nine small meetings; in Salem, twelve; in Sandwich, two, omitted several times; and in Smithfield, one; most of which have been on account of the inclemency of the weather. Those on First Days by nearly all our members; but those for worship and discipline in the middle of the week are more neglected. The hour nearly observed; mostly clear of sleeping and other unbecoming behavior therein; care is reported as taken in these respects.

Ans. 2d. — Love and unity are maintained by friends generally, though they appear to be wanting in a few. Detraction mostly guarded against; but more care in this respect is needed. Three Quarterly Meetings report no differences amongst them; in others, care has been taken to end them when they appear.

Ans. 3d. — We believe most friends have a concern to bring up those under their care in plainness; to restrain them from pernicious reading and corrupt conversation, also to be exemplary therein themselves; but more care in these respects is desirable on the part of some. We believe the Holy Scriptures are frequently read in friends' families.

Ans. 4th. — The use of spiritous liquors is confined to medicinal purposes, except in one instance reported from one Quarterly Meeting, and "one or two" from two other Quarterly Meetings, in

which care has been taken. The unnecessary frequenting of taverns and places of public resort avoided, except in a few instances. Clear in the other parts of this query.

Ans. 5th. — The circumstances of the poor, and the education of their children, have been attended to. None placed out from among friends.

Ans. 6th. — Mostly careful in these respects, a few instances reported of marrying those not in membership with us.

Ans. 7th. — Careful in the several particulars of this query, except a few instances of contributing to the support of a paid ministry, and a few of a military nature.

Ans. 8th. — Friends are generally careful in these respects.

Ans. 9th. — Careful as to records, clear as to certificates, except in a few instances under notice.

Ans. 10th. Friends have endeavored to deal with offenders in good measure agreeable to this query, but not so seasonable in some cases as would have been best. Careful to place judgment according to discipline.

The committee appointed last year to attend at the opening of Canada Yearly Meeting, presented the following report, viz:

TO THE YEARLY MEETING :

The Committee to attend the opening of Canada Yearly Meeting report that the undersigned of their number attended it.

They met at Pickering, Committees from Dublin, New York, Baltimore, Ohio, Indiana, Western, and Iowa — forty-four in all.

The meeting was opened at the time proposed with a large attendance, and was manifestly owned by the presence and blessing of the Head of the Church.

The Committee rejoice in the renewed assurance that the establishment of this new branch of our Christian Church will not only tend to the building up of its members in our most holy faith, but as they abide in the vine, be a means in the hands of our Heavenly Father of promoting His kingdom and glory.

JAMES JONES,
THOMAS GROVER,
NATHAN BREED,
ELIZABETH MEADER,
MARY E. BREED,
ANNA G. WOOD.

Newport, 6 mo. 15, 1868.

and the attention given to the subject is satisfactory to the meeting.

A testimony from Salem Monthly Meeting endorsed by Salem Quarterly Meeting, concerning our late beloved friend, Mary Chase, was read, bringing our dear departed friend sweetly to our remembrance, and the clerk is directed to have it recorded.

Adjourned to meet again at 10 o'clock to-morrow morning.

Fourth day morning, the 17th, Friends again met.

Representatives present as yesterday, with the exception of one for whose absence a sufficient reason was assigned.

The Committee on the concern of the freed people of color, presented the following Report, viz :—

TO THE YEARLY MEETING :

The joint committee under appointment to promote efforts for the relief and improvement of the freed people of color, present their fourth annual report.

Our former valued superintendents, Richard and Abby S. Battey, feeling that the time had come for them to be released from service at Washington, sent in their resignation, and some of the teachers were also unexpectedly prevented from returning. In the early part of last autumn, a meeting of the committee was called at Boston, and it was with feelings of discouragement that we met, for we hardly knew where to look for suitable persons to supply their places, and the time was short before it would be necessary to commence the schools for the winter. But, as we believe, under the guidance of the good hand of Providence, way was opened before us, and we were so fortunate as to secure the services of our friends John C. and Hannah Gove of Lynn, Mass. as Superintendents, who went to Washington early in the tenth month to prepare the Home for the Mission family. Several of the committee followed shortly after with five teachers, viz : Hannah S. Macomber, of New Bedford as Principal, with Elizabeth H. Valentine, of Salem, Mary Ellen Oliver and Mary E. Gove, of Lynn, and Susan H. Peirce of New Bedford, as Assistants.

The Committee found some alteration necessary in the arrangement of the school building, in order to secure four rooms sufficiently large to accommodate fifty to seventy-five scholars each. This enabled us, not only to grade our schools, but to place them

under the same general rules and regulations as the other colored schools of Washington and Georgetown. A. E. Newton the Superintendent of these schools has manifested much interest in the progress of our concern, frequently visiting our schools and encouraging the teachers by kind words of sympathy and commendation.

At the opening of the schools on the 21st of tenth month, one hundred and thirty scholars were in attendance, and in a few weeks the number increased to two hundred and fifty. We deemed it best to confine our efforts mostly to school instruction. The girls have been taught sewing one afternoon in each week. About the middle of twelfth month, it being thought best that Elizabeth H. Valentine should devote her whole time as visiting agent of the Freedmen's Bureau in our District, we secured the services of Mary L. Blake of New Bedford to take her place in the school.

During the coldest weather the attendance of the youngest children was necessarily reduced, and as the Spring opened many of the older ones went to service. Still the average attendance for the term was one hundred and eighty. Most of the scholars were between the ages of six and seventeen years, but few men and women being in attendance.

Hannah S. Macomber reports, "The most advanced pupils can now read and write *well*, and have sufficient knowledge of Arithmetic to qualify them for the common duties of life, and could they now be removed from their homes of poverty and degradation, and placed in suitable families they would make good and respectable men and women; and although much, very much has been accomplished, a great deal remains yet to be done; for this poor degraded people cannot be elevated in a day. The Evening School for adults, and those who could not attend the day schools, has been held two evenings in each week with an average attendance of sixty. It is in this school" she continues, "that the teacher finds that eager, earnest thirst for knowledge that makes her forget her weariness and the hour of closing comes quite too soon. We were regularly assisted in this school by Albert T. Shurtleff, a young man from Carver, Mass., who lost his right arm in the late war, and who esteems it a privilege to devote one or two evenings in the week to teaching the Freedmen."

"The First day school, another interesting feature of our Mission work, which has been discontinued during the Summer,

was also reorganized, and placed under the faithful and efficient Superintendence of A. K. Brown of the Freedmen's Bureau.

We were also assisted by several young men from the City, faithful, earnest workers, who were always present. The number of teachers was fourteen, and the average attendance of scholars one hundred and sixty.

The officers of the Freedmen's Bureau being very desirous that some *Friend* connected with our Mission should act as visiting agent for that District, Elizabeth H. Valentine was requested to assume that duty, she being considered particularly well qualified for that service. She faithfully and acceptably filled this station until the end of third month, when they ceased furnishing supplies. So well satisfied were the officers of the Bureau of her faithfulness and careful discrimination, they distributed, through orders issued by her, more than \$5,000 in fuel, food, and clothing.

In her report, she says: "The extreme severity of the past winter, together with the great lack of employment, produced much suffering among the colored people, which would have been greatly increased but for the supplies furnished by the Bureau. As Spring opened, it was gratifying to find that the able-bodied men and women were generally eager in seeking for any work that they were capable of performing, and the men sought for recommendations from the agent, which, being presented at the Bureau, might entitle them to be placed upon the list of candidates for employment by Government upon the roads, etc.; and this method of furnishing recommendations for work to those who were industriously disposed, proved a great help and encouragement to them. "She labored also with the delinquent ones in the neighborhood whose conduct had excluded them from the privilege of attending school, but who listened most respectfully to the advice given. Also to some of the adult pupils of the Evening school, who had been inclined to indulge in the use of tobacco and intoxicating liquors; she sought opportunities to offer timely words, not only of reproof but of encouragement, and was happy to see many of them forsaking their evil practices, and giving marked evidence of improvement. Finding that the *children* of the colored people labored under greater disadvantages, in their total want of home education, she invited the *mothers* to meet together when their duties and responsibilities, as ability was given, were pointed out, and such reading introduced as seemed calculated to make an impression on

their minds. She also visited, before leaving Washington, twelve different colored schools, reading to the scholars articles adapted to their situation, and, as way opened, talking with them. And, in some instances, as afterward appeared, these lessons had not been in vain. She was also, when other engagements permitted, an efficient laborer with the other teachers, in the First day and Evening schools.

About the middle of twelfth month, Sarah E. Wall, who for three winters has given gratuitous service, again resumed her duties at the mission, and in the beginning of first month, Margaret P. Valentine joined the mission family as an assistant to her mother; also giving her service gratuitously until the end of third month. Upon M. E. Valentine's arrival, Sarah E. Wall was enabled to devote her attention wholly to the benevolent department of our Mission, and was actively engaged in visiting families and providing for the comforts of the sick. Owing to the generous provision of the Bureau for the relief of destitute colored people of the city, the actual need of aid of this kind from our Mission has been less than in former years, being confined to the sick, to those who needed *immediate* assistance, and to those who did not properly come within the limits of the provisions of the Bureau.

In her report, Sarah E. Wall says: "Many of the school children were suffering from the want of shoes, and fifty dollars worth were given them from the Benevolent Fund. During the winter, extreme cases of destitution of women and children were relieved from the same source. About \$50 was given in payment for work. As the Bureau has furnished sewing to all the women who could leave their homes, much less work has been given out at the Mission, and yet enough to clothe and feed many a poor woman."

She also "purchased two hundred yards of cotton cloth and calico, which was given out gratuitously, or in payment for work, and the making up of their cloth into garments, furnished work for those women who could not leave their homes."

"On New Year's day," she continues, "the school children received each a present of a handkerchief, a piece of soap (an essential article here), and one or two articles of clothing, a pair of stockings or mittens, a comforter or a shirt, and every girl a sleeved apron. Each child received the estimated value of one dollar. The number of articles bestowed was four hundred, valued at \$250. Boxes were received from Lynn and New Bedford, con-

taining valuable contributions in clothing for these gifts, and the deficiency was supplied from our Benevolent Fund. The whole number of garments given during the winter from this fund was five hundred, valued at	\$350 00
Value of groceries and wood bestowed	84 75
Value of shoes given	125 00
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	\$559 75"

Different members of the Committee have visited the Mission from time to time, during the winter, to their great satisfaction. Several of our number were also present at the public examination of the schools on the 20th of Fifth month, and were much gratified with the orderly deportment and close attention of the children, and their marked progress in reading, spelling, arithmetic and geography. They also exhibited some good specimens of writing, and very ready and correct map drawings, all of which gave abundant evidence of the patient and faithful labor of our teachers, and of the intelligence of the pupils.

Those of the Committee who were present at the opening of the schools, and again witnessed this closing examination, felt that the great change wrought in the children was truly surprising. Some of them had never been at school before, or under any proper restraint, and were wild and untrained; and others, without any home influence for good, had, during the long summer vacation become restless and undisciplined, so that, at first, it was found difficult to control them. But, under the gentle discipline of conscientious teachers (moved to this service, as we believe, by truly philanthropic motives), they became, by the end of the term, quiet and watchful of their teachers' wishes.

At the opening of the school, portions of Scripture, carefully learned, were repeated in concert by the pupils, when a short devotional pause ensued, their heads bowed in reverent silence.

The Holy Scriptures have also been daily read in the schools, and in the family circle, and health and harmony have been preserved during the winter.

The schools closed on the 21st of Fifth month, and the Mission family returned to their homes in the North.

In addition to the operations from our Benevolent Fund, and the

gratuitous distribution before stated, the expenses and receipts for the year have been as follows :

Paid for repair of buildings	\$75 54
“ Superintendents and Teachers	1,544 96
“ for Family expenses	1,470 67
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	\$3,091 17

Receipts.

From Charles F. Coffin, Treasurer	\$1,285 19
“ rent of houses	840 12
For board, including that of Geo. H. Phillips, the store keeper	283 66
From Freedmen's Bureau, principally for travelling expenses of teachers	99 21
Sundry small receipts, from various sources	76 42
From sale of store, on account	420 05
“ sale of cow and milk	86 52
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	\$3,091 17

Contributions in money from Friends in Providence were also remitted to Washington, amounting to \$135.50, which sum has been expended for books, slates and stationery for the schools, except a balance now on hand of \$15.95.

In view of the success which has attended our efforts, and the blessing which has evidently rested upon them, and in view also of the fact, that the City Government of Washington still refuses to pay the teachers of any of the colored schools, the Committee have fully considered the propriety and necessity of continuing our school another term. The funds at our disposal will, we believe, defray the expenses thereof without additional contributions. We are, therefore, united in recommending the continuance of this concern for another year in the hands of a committee.

On behalf of the committee,

EDWARD W. HOWLAND.
ANN B. EARLE.

Which is satisfactory to the meeting; and the care and attention manifested in this important engagement are gratefully

acknowledged by the meeting, under a belief that these labors for the comfort and improvement of the freedmen have been blessed to that people.

The Committee with the exception of Nathan Breed, released at his own request, are continued and are desired to extend their care and supervision over the mission for another year. And William A. Brown is added to said Committee.

And the Trustees holding the property at the Mission, are hereby clothed with power to dispose of any portion of real estate belonging thereto, whenever they shall think it advisable for the good of the concern, pursuant to authority vested in them by the following minute, viz : —

TO ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN.

This may certify that by two instruments, bearing date A. D.

Two certain parcels of land with buildings thereon, situated at Washington, District of Columbia, were conveyed to Edward W. Howland and Edward Earle of Massachusetts, Alden Sampson of Maine, and Benjamin Buffum of Rhode Island, in trust for New England Yearly Meeting of Friends, said persons being duly authorized and appointed as Trustees thereof, and having accepted the said trust.

Now, therefore we, the said New England Yearly Meeting, at a duly authorized meeting thereof, and with full right, authority and power so to do, do hereby authorize, empower and direct the said Trustees to sell, convey, and in such manner and at such periods dispose of the said Real Estate, as in their judgment shall seem best.

And, furthermore, to execute all deeds, instruments and writings in any manner connected with said sales and conveyances.

Committee. — Edward W. Howland, Alden Sampson, Benjamin Buffum, William C. Taber, Samuel Boyce, Edward Earle, John G. Whittier, Joseph Cartland, Charles B. Cates, Joseph Grinnell, Joseph P. Newhall, Timothy B. Hussey, Charles F. Coffin, Henry T. Wood, Thomas E. Steene, Moses Sawyer, William A. Brown, Ann B. Earle, Gulielma W. Howland, Ellen K. Buffum, Gertrude W. Cartland, Eliza B. Boyce, Rebecca C. Grinnell, Sarah

T. Sampson, Anna G. Wood, Susan Taber, Ann Maria Coffin, Ruth B. Gifford, Elizabeth H. Newhall, Mercy Osburn, and Margaret B. Cates.

The records of our Meeting for Sufferings for the past year were laid before us and read, and the proceedings approved by this meeting.

One of the exercises of the meeting brought to our notice was the preparing of an essay on the subject of peace, which having been read, was referred back to that meeting for revision. And that meeting was left at liberty to publish the essay at its discretion when revised.

Adjourned to meet again at 4 o'clock this afternoon :

Afternoon, Friends again met.

Another subject brought to our notice by the reading of the records of the Meeting for Sufferings, was a communication received from Baltimore Meeting for Sufferings, calling their attention to the condition of Friends of North Carolina, and asking aid on their behalf for the purpose of sustaining the schools which have been established there by Friends; and our friend Francis T. King, of Baltimore, gave an interesting account of the condition of Friends in that section, stating that much improvement has been made in education, and in the management of their agricultural pursuits; and appealing to Friends of this Yearly Meeting for further help.

The condition of our beloved friends in North Carolina has received our warmest sympathy, and this meeting agrees to furnish one thousand dollars per year for two years, to aid in defraying the expenses incurred in keeping up the present system of education and agriculture among them. And our treasurer is authorized to pay the sum of one thousand dollars per year for two years to Francis T. King, from the Yearly Meeting's treasury.

The Committee on education presented an interesting report, namely :

TO THE YEARLY MEETING : —

The Committee on the subject of Education and Scriptural In-

struction report that an increasing interest is manifest among on these important subjects.

The Boarding School at Providence and also Oak Grove Seminary at Vassalboro', continue successful, and afford the means of education under the care of Friends.

By the statistical returns, which are herewith submitted, and other information received from the correspondents in our monthly Meetings, it appears that religious instruction from the Holy Scriptures in families, Bible classes, and First Day schools, is becoming increasingly dear to our members, as well as other means which are largely embraced by many, for the dissemination of religious truth, such as reading meetings, tract associations, and tract distribution, etc.

And we continue to recommend these subjects as of vital importance to the welfare of our Society, and also to urge upon each member of the Church the necessity of increased faithfulness in guarding the religious and literary education of our youth and children, and may those who thus labor have an abiding faith in that Power which is able to raise up children unto Abraham.

On behalf of the Committee.

SAMUEL GIFFORD, *Clerk.*

The number of Friends' children in the Yearly Meeting between the ages of five and twenty-one years	906
The number of Monthly Meeting Schools,	2
The number of Preparative Meeting Schools	1
The number of Family Schools,	1
The number of Friends' children who have attended School the past year,	780
The number who have attended School taught by friends or under their control,	158
The number of our members engaged in teaching the past year	104
The number obtaining an education at Academies and Colleges, not under the care of Friends,	48
The number of First Day Schools under the care of Friends,	50
Length of time these have been taught,	average 8 mos.
The number of Scholars attending these Schools	1,733
The number of Friends attending these Schools	1,018
The number of Teachers engaged in them	213
The number of Bible Classes,	45
The number attending Bible Classes,	663
The number of Friends attending Bible Classes,	523
The number of members admitted by request during the year ending 5th mo. 1st,	27
The number of members received by certificate from other yearly meetings,	10
The number of members removed by certificate to other yearly meetings,	13
The number of members deceased	91
The number of members disowned,	26
The whole number of members belonging to the yearly meeting on the 1st day of 5th mo., 1868.	4,549

which being read is satisfactory to the meeting; and the com-

mittee, with the exception of Henry M. Minott, deceased, and Jacob S. Hawkes, removed, with the addition of Calvin S. Goddard, are continued for another year; and this meeting would encourage them to increased efforts for the establishment of First day schools, and for the proper education of our youth in other respects, and report to this meeting next year.

Committee. — Joseph E. Macomber, Solomon R. Knowles, Samuel Austin, Abel F. Collins, Samuel Gifford, Nathan Breed of Weare, John H. Crosman, Abraham J. Huntington, Edward W. Ewer, Nathan T. Shepherd, Matthew Barney, Isaac R. Potter, Adrian Davis, Charles Taber, Isaac Steere, Nathan Babcock, James G. Arnold, George Douglas, Nathan Pope, Silas H. Cartland, Thomas B. Nichols, Alfred H. Jones, Jedediah J. Varney, Amos D. Purinton, Albert C. Buffum, George Varney, George Richardson, Levi Jones, Joseph S. Hawkes, Benjamin G. Shepherd, Prince G. Moore, Calvin S. Goddard, Cynthia Bowen, Gulielma Freeborn, Mary W. Atwater, Mary D. Collins, Mary Slade, Lydia P. Chase, Susan L. Beede, Elizabeth C. Wing, Ruth A. Shepherd, Lydia Swain, Huldah B. Gifford, Rebecca A. Church, Susan Taber, Abigail S. Battey, Lydia B. Dow, Abigail Wheeler, Jane C. Minott, Salome J. Goddard, Lydia M. Pope, Rachel B. Nichols, Sybil Jones, Jane H. Varney, Anna M. Evans, Eliza P. Varney, Abigail Gould, Hannah R. Wing, Mary J. Page, Zilpah Shepherd, Emma Cartland, and Hannah B. Sawyer.

The committee to attend to a reprint of the London printed epistle inform that the service has been accomplished.

The committee to bring forward the names of friends for a School Committee, presented the following, viz :

Committee. — David Buffum, Joseph P. Newhall, William C. Taber, Charles W. Weber, Edward Earle, Thomas B. Nichols, William P. Tuttle, Alden Sampson, William A. Robinson, Gideon C. Smith, Samuel Boyce, Charles R. Tucker, Charles F. Coffin of Lynn, Richard Battey, Gilbert Congdon, George Howland, Jr.

which being satisfactory to this meeting, they were appointed to

unite with a similar committee of the Women's meeting, and take the necessary care and supervision of the Boarding School for one year.

[*Women's Committee.* — Sarah F. Tobey, Eliza B. Boyce, Rhoda H. Taber, Mary C. Hawkes, Anna K. Colton, Rachel B. Nichols, Eliza P. Varney, Sarah T. Sampson, Gertrude W. Cartland, Dorcas B. Robinson, Ann B. Earle, Rebecca C. Grinnell, Dorcas F. Tucker, Anna T. Dennis, Gulielma W. Howland, Phebe R. Gifford.]

The committee appointed to make such provision as may be deemed necessary for the increased accommodation of our Women's meeting, presented the following report, which is satisfactory to the meeting, viz :

TO THE YEARLY MEETING : —

The committee appointed last year to make such provision as they may deem necessary to extend the house and make the accommodations more ample in the women's end of the house,

Report that they have given attention to the object of their appointment :

They have enlarged the room by the addition of twenty-five feet to its length ; the youth's gallery has been re-arranged. By these changes the capacity of the house has been increased so as comfortably to accommodate not less than one hundred and fifty persons more than before.

They have also caused the *whole* house to be covered with two coats of paint, which, with some minor but desirable improvements, have cost the sum of \$4,028.70, two or three very small bills only remaining unpaid.

For the Committee,

GEORGE HOWLAND, JR.

NEWPORT, sixth month 17th, 1868.

A testimony from Salem Monthly Meeting endorsed by Salem Quarterly Meeting, concerning our late beloved friend, Avis Keene, was read and approved ; also, one from South Kingston Monthly Meeting endorsed by Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting, concerning our late beloved friend, Timothy C. Collins.

The reading of these testimonies brought to our minds a very precious remembrance of these dear Friends, and fervent desires were raised within us for increased dedication of heart, to our Lord and Master; and the clerk is directed to have them recorded.

The committee to examine and settle the accounts of our Treasurer and for other purposes, presented the following report which is accepted, and our Quarterly Meetings are requested to pay their respective proportions of the sum to be raised to Gideon C. Smith, who is appointed Treasurer of our Yearly Meeting. And David Buffum, our former Treasurer, is directed to place in the hands of Gideon C. Smith the papers and books in his hands belonging to the Yearly Meeting. And the Treasurer is directed to give new notes for those given by David Buffum as Treasurer, which are unpaid, and to hire such further sums of money for defraying the expenses of the Yearly Meeting as may be needed the coming year.

TO THE YEARLY MEETING : —

We have examined the account of the Treasurer, and find due him twenty-nine hundred and fifty-eight dollars and fifty-seven cents, (\$2,958.57).

We propose the sum of six thousand dollars to be raised by the Yearly Meeting this year, and the name of Gideon C. Smith for Treasurer.

Way did not open to make a new apportionment of expenses among the Quarterly Meetings, at this time.

W. A. ROBINSON,

For the Committee.

NEWPORT, sixth month 16th, 1868.

Adjourned to meet again at 3 o'clock to-morrow afternoon.

FIFTH DAY, afternoon, the 18th.

The meeting again assembled.

Representatives present with the exception of nine, for the absence of six of whom sufficient reasons were assigned.

This meeting has at this time, and also upon some other occasions, been brought into exercise, and concern in regard to

the use of tobacco, and the deleterious effects of this practice has been very fully spread before us; and believing that indulgence in the use thereof, is unfavorable to the promotion of good morals, and that it is injurious in a sanitary point of view, we would earnestly recommend that Friends abstain from its use; believing that by so doing an example would be set before the world, which would tend to the good of mankind.

The clerk is directed to sign on our behalf the following minute for William Henry Chase, and minutes of a similar tenor for Lydia Green, Edward C. Young, John Henry Douglas, Harriet Steele, and William Wetherald, viz:—

Our beloved friend, William Henry Chase, attended this meeting, his company and religious services have been acceptable to us.

The clerk is directed to sign on our behalf, the following minute for Daniel McPherson, viz:—

Our beloved friend, Daniel McPherson, acceptably attended this meeting.

The clerk is likewise directed to sign the following minute for Francis T. King, viz:

Our beloved friend, Francis T. King, acceptably attended this meeting.

The clerk is also directed to sign minutes of a similar tenor for Joseph W. Jay, Elizabeth C. Underhill and Lydia Mary McPherson.

This meeting appoints the same friends to constitute a Meeting for sufferings, who composed it last year, with the exception of Joseph Metcalf, Samuel Boyd Tobey, and Henry M. Minott, deceased, viz:

David Buffum, Perez Peck, John D. Lang, Samuel Boyce, Joseph Taber, of Albion, Stephen Jones, David K. Aiken, Stephen A. Chase, William Farr, William C. Taber, Tobias Meader, Alden Sampson, William A. Robinson, Stephen Beede, Gilbert Congdon, Richard Battey, John Page, Charles R. Tucker, Lemuel Gifford, Nathan Breed of Lynn, George Bowen, Newell Hoxie, David Kelly, Edward Earle, Joseph Cartland, of

North Providence, George Howland, jr., Edward W. Howland, Charles M. Bailey, Reuben T. Jones, Charles F. Coffin, Matthew Howland, William A. Brown, Newell Ordway, Thomas Harkness, Obadiah Chase, Josiah Holmes, jr. and Abraham Winslow.

The consideration of a revision of our discipline has engaged the attention of the meeting at this time; and it being believed that some changes therein are desirable, we appoint William A. Robinson, Obadiah Chase, John H. Crosman, Moses F. Rogers, George Howland, jr. David H. Aiken, George Douglass, Abram Winslow, Anthony Chase, John Milton Earle, Charles B. Cates, Thomas B. Nichols, Joseph H. Pratt, Timothy B. Hussey, William Farr and Reuben T. Jones, to propose to this meeting names for a committee to unite with a committee of the women's meeting and give the subject their careful attention, and report such changes as they may think proper at our next yearly meeting.

This committee, after conferring together, reported the names of the following Friends, who are accordingly appointed to that service, viz: — Joseph Cartland, Nathan Breed, of Lynn, Newell Hoxie, Calvin S. Goddard, Richard Battey, Thomas B. Nichols, Stephen Beede, Moses Bailey, Obadiah Chase, Charles B. Cates, Gilbert Congdon, Charles F. Coffin, of Lynn, George Bowen, Joseph E. Macomber, William A. Robinson, Thomas Harkness, John Henry Crosman, George Howland, jr., George Douglass, Edward Earle, William Taber, Jacob K. Purinton, Reuben T. Jones, Henry T. Wood, John Page, of Weare, Charles R. Tucker, Charles Taber, William A. Brown, John Milton Earle, Abel F. Collins.

Women's Committee. — Gertrude W. Cartland, Mary Williams, Elizabeth Meader, Cynthia Bowen, Mary E. Breed, Lydia Pope, Hannah B. Sawyer, Mary Alice Browne, Rachel S. Howland, Phebe R. Gifford, Ruth H. Baker, Rebecca C. Grinnell, Eunice J. Rich, Jane C. Minot, Mary C. Hawkes, Esther Jones, Ann B. Earle, Ann K. Colten, Peace Jones, Rachel B. Nichols, Eliza P. Varney, Lois J. Greene, Mary J. Page, Sarah T. Sampson, Emeline S. Myers, Eliza B. Boyce, Abigail M. Hanson, Lydia Congdon, Gulielma W. Howland, Abby S. Battey, Sarah

Osborne, Emily E. Dudley, Ann Elmira Lang, Lydia P. Fry, Abigail C. Beede, Susan L. Meader, Fanny C. Pinkham, Sophia D. Bailey, Elizabeth C. Wing, Dorcas F. Tucker.

Two of the correspondents for London Yearly Meeting being removed by death, we appoint George Howland, jr., and Gilbert Congdon in addition to David Buffum and Stephen A. Chase, now under appointment, to serve as correspondents for this meeting.

Said Friends are also appointed correspondents for Dublin Yearly Meeting.

Our Meeting for Sufferings is requested to print an edition of such testimonials of deceased Friends as have been issued, since the last printing of testimonials, by this meeting.

The committee on Correspondence presented Epistles to our brethren of London, Ireland, New York, Baltimore, North Carolina, Ohio, Indiana, Western, Iowa, and Canada Yearly Meetings, which being read and approved, the clerk is directed to sign them on our behalf and forward them to those meetings respectively.

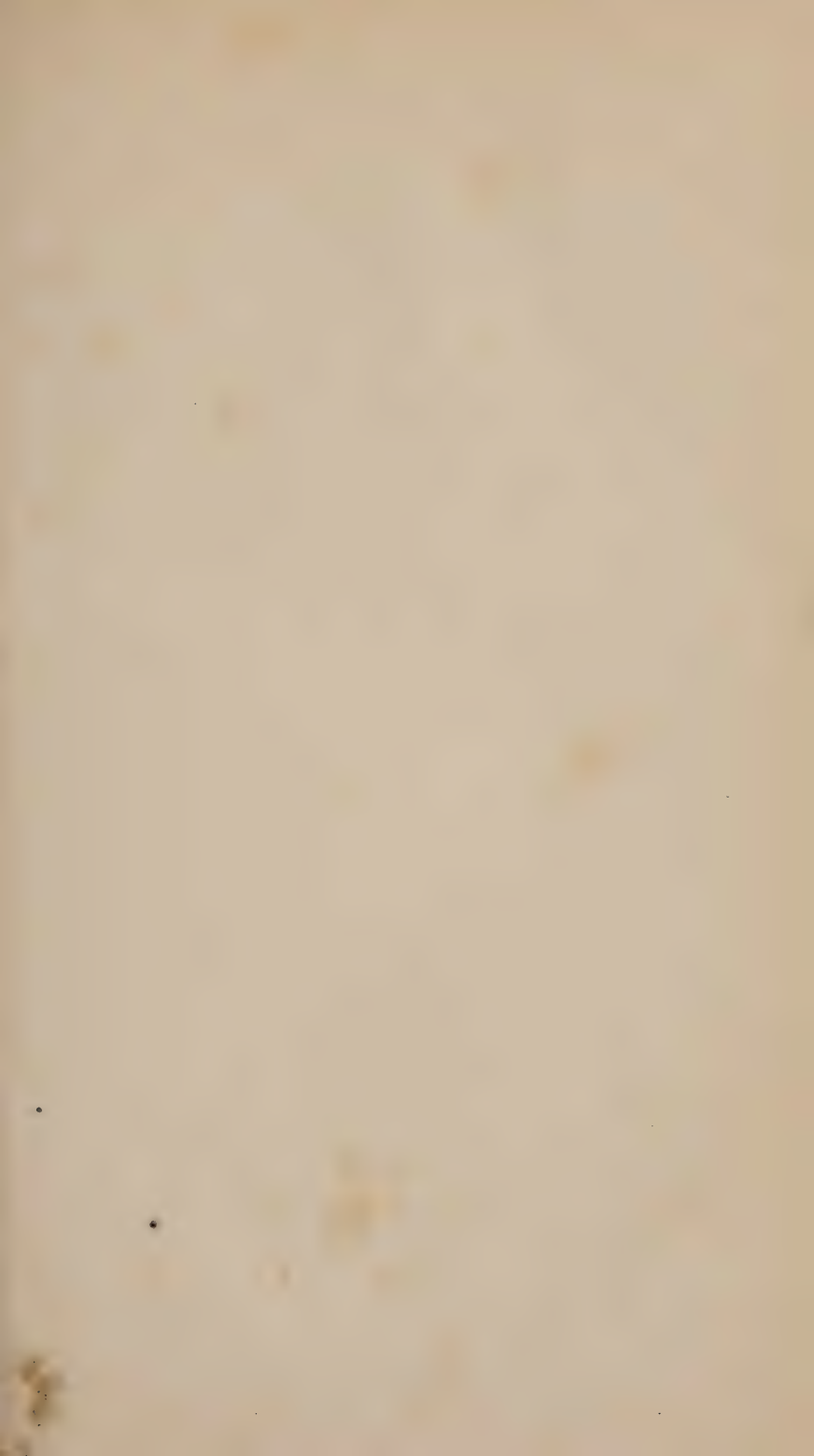
The clerk is directed to have 2000 copies of our minutes printed and distributed as heretofore.

The business of our Yearly Meeting being now disposed of, we would acknowledge that we have felt from day to day our Holy Head to be near, humbling us under a sense of our weaknesses, and creating increased desires for the prosperity of the Church and the enlargement of her borders, and enabling us to transact the important concerns that have come before the meeting, in christian condescension.

Grateful for this evidence of the continuance of our Heavenly Father's love, we now separate, purposing to meet again at this place at the usual time next year, if the Lord permit.

SAMUEL BOYCE, *Clerk.*







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At the Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England, held on Rhode Island, beginning with public meetings for worship, at Newport and Portsmouth, on First day the 13th, and at Newport for discipline, on Second day the 14th of the 6 mo., 1869.

By reports from our several Quarterly Meetings the Representatives therein named are: From

RHODE ISLAND—David Buffum, Perez Peck, Thomas Harkness, Abner Slade, George Bowen, William A. Robinson, Joseph C. Anthony, Gideon C. Smith, Abel F. Collins and James Dennis.

SALEM—Thomas Folsom, Daniel Beede, Moses Huntington, Moses F. Rogers, William O. Newhall, John Paige, Nathan Breed of Lynn, Josiah D. Chase, and Samuel Boyce.

SANDWICH—Rufus Sherman, William P. A. Lawrence, Samuel Rodman, David K. Aikin, Joseph Hoxie, William C. Taber, Matthew Howland, Leonard Macomber, and Moses Smith.

FALMOUTH—Abraham Winslow, Elisha Jones, Stephen Cartland, Stillman Estes, George Douglas, Silas H. Cartland, Nathaniel Hawkes, Freeman Andrews, Joseph Hawkes, and Cyrus Cartland.

SMITHFIELD—John Milton Earle, Abel C. Munroe, Thomas Grover, Reuben A. Wheeler, Timothy K. Earle, Greely Dow, and Isaac Steere.

VASSALBORO'—John D. Lang, Stephen Jones, Jonathan Estes, Thomas B. Nichols, Clement R. Jones, Timothy Hanson, Charles B. Cates, Jabez Jenkins, and Stephen Nichols.

DOVER—Stephen Beede, Nicholas A. Pinkham, Isaac Varney, Jacob K. Purinton, Albert C. Buffum, and Tobias Meader.

FAIRFIELD—George Richardson, Moses Bailey, Isaac Farr, M. Alton Bailey, Joseph Taylor, and Reuben T. Jones,

who being called, are all present but one, for the absence of whom satisfactory reasons have been assigned.

We have at this time the acceptable company of our beloved friends, Lewis Bedell, Zaccheus H. Powell, William R. Taber, companion to Zaccheus H. Powell, John Wood, and Rebecca Collins, from New York Yearly Meeting; William Nicholson, from North-Carolina; Caroline E. Talbott, and Martha Watkins, from Ohio; Daniel Hill, from Indiana; Eli Newlin, from Western, and Mary B. Pinkham, from Iowa Yearly Meeting; who have produced satisfactory testimonials from their respective meetings, expressive of unity with them as ministers, and with their prospects of religious service amongst us.

We have also the acceptable company of our beloved friends Hulet Bedell, and Mary S. Bedell his wife, from New York Yearly Meeting; Robert W. Hodson, from Western, companion to Eli Newlin, and Thomas Pinkham, from Iowa, husband and companion to Mary B. Pinkham, who have produced minutes from their respective meetings, informing that they are members and elders in unity, and expressive of their concurrence with them in their present engagements.

We have also the acceptable company of our esteemed friend James H. Terrell, companion to Daniel Hill, who has produced a minute from his Monthly Meeting, which has been read.

The London printed Epistle, for the year 1868, has at this time been received and read, to our comfort and edification; and in order that the instructive counsel therein contained shall be more generally diffused among our members, we appoint our friends Charles R. Tucker and Samuel H. Colton to see that an edition of 3,500 copies is printed and distributed among our Quarterly Meetings.

Epistles from the Yearly Meetings of London, Dublin, New York, Baltimore, Ohio, Indiana, Western, Iowa, and Canada, have been read, bringing our beloved friends of other Yearly

Meetings, very near unto us in the love of the Gospel ; and we appoint Charles R. Tucker, Gideon C. Smith, William C. Taber, Thomas B. Nichols, Joseph Cartland, John Milton Earle, Obadiah Chase, Newell Hoxie, John D. Lang, Samuel Boyce, David K. Aikin, Jabez Wood, Charles B. Cates, John Page, Albert K. Smiley, Daniel Beede, Albert F. Payson, Isaac Steere, Charles Taber, Charles F. Coffin, Charles C. Varney, Timothy B. Hussey, Silas H. Cartland, William O. Newhall, Albert C. Buffum, Edward Earle, Richard Battey, Gilbert Congden, James G. Arnold, William P. Macomber, Lemuel Jones, Timothy K. Earle, David Buffum, Stephen Jones, and Stephen Beede, to prepare as way opens, Essays of Epistles to all the Yearly Meetings with which we correspond, and present to a future meeting.

By the Reports from the Quarterly Meetings, it appears that Rhode Island has united with Greenwich Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Deborah G. Howland to the station of elder ; that Marinus Parker, an elder and member of Greenwich Monthly Meeting, deceased the 25th of 5th mo., 1868, aged 77 years and 29 days ; and that Providence Monthly Meeting has appointed Thomas Harkness a correspondent of that Meeting in place of Samuel Boyd Tobey, deceased.

SALEM informs that Daniel Gove, an elder and member of Weare Monthly Meeting, deceased the 25th of 4th mo., 1869, aged 86 years and 13 days.

SANDWICH informs that Samuel Brown, an elder and member of Pembroke Monthly Meeting, deceased 8th mo. 19th, 1868, aged 80 years, 8 mos. and 17 days.

That Eliza Hull, a minister and member of Dartmouth Monthly Meeting, deceased 10th mo. 5th, 1868, aged 48 years, 11 mos. and 21 days.

That they have united with Sandwich Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Arnold Gifford to the station of elder ; with Westport Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Nathaniel Gifford and Phebe Slade, and with New Bedford Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Matthew Howland, Seth K. Aikin, Dorcas F. Tucker, and Susan Taber, to the same station.

FALMOUTH informs that they have united with Durham Monthly Meeting in acknowledging the gift and public appearances in the ministry of Stephen Swett ; that John Buffum, an elder and member of Durham Monthly Meeting, deceased 2d

mo. 4th, 1869, aged 90 years, 6 mos. and 24 days ; that Rachel Jones, an elder and member of the same Meeting, deceased 9th mo. 11th, 1868, aged 82 years, 6 mos. and 10 days.

That Jane Pope, an elder and member of Windham Monthly Meeting, deceased 11th mo. 30th, 1868, aged 56 years, 6 mos. and 8 days ; and that Cynthia Hanson, an elder and member of the same Meeting, deceased 1st mo. 20th, 1869, aged 61 years, 10 mos. and 2 days.

SMITHFIELD informs that Polly Southwick, an elder and member of Uxbridge Monthly Meeting, deceased 12th mo. 21st, 1868, aged 87 years and 3 months ; that James N. Fry, an elder and member of Bolton Monthly Meeting, deceased 1st mo. 2d, 1869, aged 88 years, 5 mos. and 21 days ; and that Lucy G. Payson, an elder and member of Smithfield Monthly Meeting, deceased 4th mo. 22d, 1869, aged 57 years, 3 mos. and 29 days ; that they have united with Smithfield Monthly Meeting in the appointment of John Barns and Maria Aldrich to the station of elder ; and with Uxbridge Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Anthony Chase and Minerva Farnum to the same station.

VASSALBORO' informs that they have united with China Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Hannah S. Philbrook and Sarah V. Frye to the station of elder ; and with Unity Monthly Meeting in approving the gift and public appearances in the ministry of Clement R. Jones.

DOVER informs that they have united with Dover Monthly Meeting in acknowledging the gift and approving the public appearances in the ministry of William Page.

FAIRFIELD informs that Elijah Pope, an elder and member of Litchfield Monthly Meeting, deceased 8th mo. 21st, 1868, aged 81 years, 10 mos. and 9 days.

Adjourned to meet again at 4 o'clock this afternoon.

Afternoon.—Friends met pursuant to adjournment.

Stephen Jones, on behalf of the Representatives, reported that they are united in proposing Samuel Boyce for clerk, and Charles R. Tucker for assistant clerk ; which being approved they are accordingly appointed for the ensuing year.

The subject of making some change in the time of commencing our Yearly Meeting being at this time spread before

us, and it being apprehended that benefit would result therefrom, after a time of deliberation it is concluded that our Representatives take the matter into their solid consideration, and report their views thereon at a future meeting.

We have at this time the acceptable company of our esteemed friend Sarah F. Underhill, from New York Yearly Meeting, companion to Rebecca Collins, Elizabeth F. Hobson from Ohio, companion to Caroline E. Talbott, and Jane F. Brown, also from Ohio, companion to Martha Watkins, who have produced minutes of concurrence from their respective meetings, which have been read.

The records of our Yearly Meeting for last year were then read.

All the Quarterly Meetings report that the necessary attention has been given to the forwarding of their several proportions of Yearly Meeting stock to the Treasurer of this meeting.

We appoint our friends Thomas Harkness, Thomas Folsom, David K. Aiken, George Douglas, Samuel H. Colton, Stephen Jones, Jacob K. Purinton, and Charles M. Bailey, to audit and settle the accounts of the Treasurer, and to propose a sum sufficient to defray the expenses of the Yearly Meeting the coming year. They are also requested to report the name of a friend for Treasurer.

Fairfield Quarterly Meeting requests that this meeting should take into consideration the subject of a new apportionment of our Yearly Meeting stock; whereupon we appoint Thomas Harkness, Thomas Folsom, David K. Aiken, George Douglas, Samuel H. Colton, Stephen Jones, Jacob K. Purinton, Charles M. Bailey, William A. Robinson, Moses Sawyer, Edward W. Howland, Elisha Jones, Richard Battey, Charles B. Cates, Stephen Beede, and Joseph Taylor, to take the proposition into solid deliberation and report their views thereon at a future sitting.

The Report of our Boarding School Committee has been presented and read, and is as follows, viz. :—

TO THE YEARLY MEETING:

The Committee in charge of the Boarding School at Providence report; that they have given attention to their appointment, and feel much satisfaction in stating that, under the administration of

the present officers and teachers the affairs of the school and family have been well and efficiently conducted, and the high character which the school has sustained for many years past has been maintained. As far as their observation has enabled them to judge, the pupils have evinced a commendable attention to their studies, and their behavior has been generally satisfactory.

The officers of the Institution have been Albert K. Smiley, Principal; Rebecca H. Smiley, Principal of the female department; John F. Rowell, Thomas J. Battey, Sarah F. Coffin, Alice R. Wing, and Sarah A. Taber, teachers of English Branches; William B. Phillips, teacher of Ancient and Modern Languages; Daniel C. Maxfield, teacher of Mathematics; and Sarah A. Taber, teacher of Drawing.

The number of pupils in attendance during the Autumn term was one hundred and seventy-five, viz.: one hundred and five males and seventy females. In the Spring term one hundred and forty-eight, viz.: ninety-three males and fifty-five females.

Although the health of the school has been generally good, and the scholars have been mercifully preserved from disease that has at times prevailed in the vicinity, yet two cases of severe illness have occurred, one of which proved fatal. Abbie W. Holmes, daughter of Josiah Holmes, Jr., of Mattapoisett, who had been but a few weeks an inmate of the school, was removed on account of illness to her home 11th mo. 7th, 1868, and died on the 26th of the same month of typhoid fever. She was reported to us by the Principal as being a girl of remarkably delicate organization both physically and mentally, and possessed of an unusually sweet disposition. During her short stay at the school, she had greatly endeared herself to all the officers and pupils with whom she associated.

The pupils have continued to attend the meetings for worship held in Providence on First-day forenoons and in the middle of the week. First-day afternoons have been devoted to scriptural instruction and reading; and portions of scripture are read to the assembled school in each department, at the breakfast table, and before retiring for the night.

Since our last Yearly Meeting the girls' lodging-room in the east wing of the main building has been by direction of the committee, partitioned into separate rooms to correspond with those in the new building, at an expense of nine hundred one 66-100 (\$901.66) dollars. This gives eight additional dormitories for the use of the girls with a spacious room for a nursery in that part of the house.

The report of the auditing committee shows, that, as near as can be estimated, the income of the school to 6th mo. 23d, 1869, will

exceed its expenses, including the cost of alterations in the girls' lodging-room and interest paid on the debt of the school, by the sum of thirty-five hundred forty-seven (\$3,547) dollars, which being deducted from the amount of its indebtedness reported last year, leaves a balance of eleven thousand six hundred thirty-five 77-100 (\$11,635.77) dollars now due. From information received from the treasurer of the School Funds, it is anticipated that the income from our charitable fund and the Ebenezer Metcalf fund the coming year, will be sufficient to pay the board and tuition of fifteen scholars, one year each.

We would offer for the consideration of the Yearly Meeting the propriety of making the treasurer of the School Funds an annual appointment, and that he be *ex officio* a member of the School Committee.

It is proposed that the charge for board and tuition the ensuing year of forty weeks to members of our Yearly Meeting, be reduced to one hundred and forty dollars, and that no change be made at this time in the price to other classes of scholars. To show that the proposed charge to our own members is not exceptionally high, it may be stated that from inquiries recently made, the price of board and tuition at Friends' schools in other parts of the country exceeds what is proposed to be charged by us.

The schedule of terms proposed is as follows :

For members of our Yearly Meeting,	\$140 00
For members of other Yearly Meetings, or where one or both parents are members of our religious society, or for scholars sent at the expense of such,	190 00
For all others who may be admitted,	300 00

An additional charge of \$10 to be made for one year's instruction in Latin, Greek, French, German, or Drawing. One half payable at the commencement of the year, and one half at the opening after the recess.

Taking into view the difficulties that many of our members have to encounter in order to obtain for their children a suitable education to fit them for the business of life, and at the same time to preserve them in some good degree from the maxims and habits of the world; and also to enable such of our young people as are desirous of qualifying themselves to serve as teachers to attain that object, it has appeared very desirable to us that the fund for the gratuitous education of our members at the Boarding School should be increased. To this end a contribution has been commenced by a few individuals, some of whom have long been connected with

the school, and we would ask the favorable consideration of friends for this undertaking, and their co-operation with it.

In presenting the annual report of the condition of the school, we feel that we may again commend it to the confidence and support of friends, and we can but trust, that with the help of an individual interest in its welfare on the part of our members, under the divine blessing, that the concern of our predecessors in the truth in its establishment may be in good measure fulfilled.

On behalf and by direction of the Committee.

WM. C. TABER, *Clerk.*

NOTE.—The first half year begins 9th mo. 1st, 1869 : Closes 1st mo. 19th, 1870. Winter recess begins 1st mo. 19th, 1870 : Closes 2d mo. 2d, 1870. Second half year begins, 2d mo. 2d, 1870 : Closes 6th mo. 22d, 1870:

Regulations of the School Committee.—Pupils may be withdrawn at the close of the half year only when application is made therefor at the time of entering. The Committee earnestly desire that the number of those who are withdrawn at the close of the first half year may be as small as possible, as in the arrangement of classes and studies, reference is made primarily, to those who remain through the year, constituting as they do, a large majority of the school, and it will therefore happen that those who remain but half the term will receive less than a proportionate share of advantage.

Application for admission to the school should be made seasonably for the meeting of the Committee on the 3d of Eighth month next. Those who are members of our Yearly Meeting will have precedence of all others to that date, after which applications will be considered in the order in which they are received.

Those who desire the benefit of the Charitable Fund or of the Ebenezer Metcalf donation should apply at the time above specified. And in all cases information is expected of the age, moral habits and literary acquirements of the applicants.

Applications for admission should be made to the Principal. Address: ALBERT K. SMILEY, Principal Friends' Boarding School, Providence, R. I.

And being satisfactory to the meeting, it is accepted, and the proposition for an annual appointment of the Treasurer of the School Fund is approved and adopted. And our friend Thomas Harkness, who has served acceptably as Treasurer for many years, is now re-appointed for one year. And it is the conclusion of this meeting that the Treasurer of the School Fund shall

be *ex officio* member of the School Committee. The Committee, with the exception of Alden Sampson, removed out of this Yearly Meeting, is continued, to take the general supervision of the Boarding School for one year. And Moses Bailey is added to said Committee.

Committee.—David Buffum, Joseph P. Newhall, William C. Taber, Charles W. Weber, Edward Earle, Thomas B. Nichols, William P. Tuttle, William A. Robinson, Gideon C. Smith, Samuel Boyce, Charles R. Tucker, Charles F. Coffin of Lynn, Richard Battey, Gilbert Congdon, and George Howland, Jr.

Women's Committee.—Sarah F. Tobey, Eliza B. Boyce, Rhoda H. Taber, Mary C. Hawkes, Anna K. Colton, Rachel B. Nichols, Eliza P. Varney, Gertrude W. Cartland, Dorcas B. Robinson, Ann B. Earle, Rebecca C. Grinnell, Dorcas F. Tucker, Anna T. Dennis, Gulielma W. Howland, Phebe R. Gifford and Sophia D. Bailey.

We appoint Benjamin Buffum, Edward W. Howland, William A. Robinson and David Buffum, a committee with whom the Treasurer of the School Funds shall consult and advise in regard to the investment thereof.

We appoint Gideon C. Smith, Moses F. Rogers, Matthew Howland, Abraham Winslow, James G. Arnold, William A. Jones, Timothy B. Hussey and Isaac Farr, to prepare a summary of the answers to the Queries and present to our next sitting.

Adjourned to meet again at 10 o'clock to-morrow morning.

THIRD DAY—*Morning, the 15th.*—Friends again met.

Representatives present as yesterday. The Committee upon the concern of Friends for the freed people of color presented the following report, viz. :—

TO THE YEARLY MEETING:

The Committee under appointment to promote efforts for the relief and improvement of the freed people of color, present their fifth annual Report.

The mission at Washington was re-opened first of tenth month, 1868, under the care of our esteemed friends John C. and Hannah Gove of Lynn, Mass., as superintendents, and five teachers, viz. : Hannah S. Macomber of New Bedford as Principal, with Mary

Ellen Oliver and Mary E. Gove of Lynn, and Susan H. Pierce and Mary E. Lawton of New Bedford, as assistants.

Some slight alterations were needed in the school buildings, but these we soon effected, and the school was re-opened with 271 scholars. The teachers report that they were much pleased with their improved appearance; they being more quiet and orderly, and better dressed. One who had seen them four years before, could not fail to be impressed with the benefits resulting from the mission.

One afternoon in each week the girls were taught sewing, and at the time of their festival in the winter they were very helpful in making garments for presents, finishing 200 pieces. It was the first time they had seemed to realize there was anything for them to do but receive, and it was a new and pleasant idea to them. This occasion was much enjoyed by all, and will long be remembered by the children.

The evening school was small but interesting. It was thought best to charge five cents apiece a week for tuition, and thereby a more appreciative class of scholars was obtained.

The Lincoln Institute opened in first month, and many of them took advantage of it at our recommendation. It is a commodious building, used for evening and industrial schools. A large First-day school is also held there.

Our First-day school at the mission has been continued, and the scriptures have been daily read in the schools and in the family circle, and health and harmony have been preserved during the winter. Different members of this Committee have visited the school from time to time, who have been gratified with the general good order manifested. The proficiency of the children indicated commendable industry on their part, and much patient labor on the part of all the officers connected with the establishment. The school has also been visited by the Superintendent and Trustees of the Colored Schools of Washington, who expressed themselves well satisfied with its condition. As the usual time for closing it approached, they were very desirous that it should be kept open as long as the other schools, since much harm might arise to the scholars by the enforced idleness of a month. The superintendents and teachers coinciding in this view, it was concluded to continue in session until the 30th of sixth month, the end of the school year.

In view of the favorable condition of our finances, and in accordance with the wishes of the trustees of the colored schools, this Committee have concluded to recommend to the Yearly Meeting, that the school with the mission family be maintained another year.

The cost of supporting the mission the past year has been \$2,761.20, besides what has been received from the Freedman's Bureau.

The money now on hand is \$3,236.14, which will enable the Committee to carry out the recommendation of the report for the continuance of the school next year.

Sarah E. Wall of Worcester joined the company at the mission during the twelfth month, and took charge of the sewing school, and visited the sick and needy, relieving much suffering by the use of our benevolent fund. Still there is so little that the men are allowed to do, that the support of the families falls very much on the mothers and daughters, even little girls, some very delicate, are put to service. This interferes materially with their education, as they must take work when they can get it, and their attendance at school is very irregular. Sarah E. Wall says: "I came the first of twelfth month, and took charge of the children's sewing school, which was busily engaged at work for Christmas. Of the 600 articles given at that time, 200 garments were made by the girls of the different schools. The remaining 400 consisted of two cases of shoes, 140 pairs stockings, and other articles of clothing contributed by the friends of Lynn, New Bedford, and Weare. During third month I was visiting agent for the city, in this section, distributing about thirty cords of wood, tea, sugar, rice, soup, and meal, to 200 different families. In addition to this, I have given from the benevolent fund of the mission, \$40 in groceries, \$80 in clothing, and paid for work in food and clothing about \$75. Owing to the favorable weather there was not as much suffering during the past *winter* as in previous years, but more during the *spring* months, owing to the scarcity of labor. There is as much destitution in this city to-day as at any time during the past four years. Although great numbers have been sent away, as many new comers have taken their places, while there is less work to be obtained here.

Unless there is some avenue opened this summer by which steady employment can be furnished to supply a part of them at least with work in winter, next year will bear witness to as great an amount of poverty and suffering, as at any time since the close of the war.

Of the \$30,000 placed in the hands of the Mayor on the first of third month, for the relief of the poor, only one-third remained at the end of two months, and except a very limited supply of shoes, the whole of it was spent for food and wood. Even this was not nearly sufficient to satiate the cravings of hunger, or make any one

family merely comfortable. Although it is intended to help only the sick and the aged by such appropriations, it is impracticable to limit them to these alone. The moment anything is to be given out, we are confronted with families of starving children, of whose existence we previously had no knowledge, but which investigation compels us to admit as a stubborn fact. What is to be done with them? They may have a father, but he can get no work. Let him go to the north, it is said. So he might, but he is not there, and we know that his family are famishing for food. Shall we let them starve? No, give them half a peck of meal—it will last them two or three days. That is not much, but when multiplied by thousands, and repeated, it takes more money than the most calculating can conceive. There are hundreds of such cases in which it would not be advisable for them to go to the north. I mention this subject because it is a formidable obstacle in the way of the freedmen's elevation, and one which must be removed before we can expect to see any great progress among them. Every year's experience confirms the demoralizing effect of almsgiving, while it does nothing towards removing the evil.

Cannot some method be devised, through which, by co-operation with Congress, workshops may be constructed in the suburbs of the city, especially boot and shoe manufactories, which would supply one of their greatest needs? It is a question that appeals to the conscience of every Christian and philanthropist, and statesman also, who has any regard for the interests of this capital of a great republic. One half the money expended for educational purposes is thrown away, so long as the parents are so ground down by poverty, as to be obliged to take their children from school the first opportunity that occurs, to place them in service, which is much more often than they can obtain places for themselves.

Another subject of equal or greater importance, for which every citizen of this republic is morally responsible, is the sale of spirituous liquors, so extensively and unblushingly carried on here. No effort can prosper in the face of such an inveterate foe.

In conclusion, we would say that although those who have given time and means for the benefit of this people would feel repaid could they see the result of their efforts, still there is much to be done. It is no easy thing to change habits of thought and action; and as years and generations have been spent in oppressing and degrading this people, so it will take years of patient effort to raise them in the scale; but there are many things to encourage us in the work, and dearest and sweetest of all are the words of our Lord

and Master, "Inasmuch as ye did it unto the least of these, ye have done it unto me."

On behalf of the Committee,

EDW. W. HOWLAND.

ANN B. EARLE.

NOTE.—Contributions of money, clothing or other articles, for the benefit of the Freedmen, will be gladly received by the Committee, and may be sent to our Friends WM. C. TABER of New Bedford, or CHARLES F. COFFIN of Lynn, who will forward them for the sick and needy in Washington.

Cotton cloth, calico and stocking yarn are especially desirable.

Which being satisfactory to the meeting is accepted; and the attention given to this benevolent concern is very grateful to the feelings of the meeting, and we are comforted under the belief that the labors of the Committee have been blessed to the improvement of the freedmen.

Alden Sampson, a member of this Committee, and one of the Trustees for holding and conveying real estate belonging to the Washington Mission, is at this time released, he having removed from within the limits of this Yearly Meeting. The other members of the Committee are continued, and are desired to unite with a committee from the women's meeting, and extend their care and supervision over the mission for another year. And Charles F. Coffin is appointed a trustee to fill the vacancy occasioned by the removal of Alden Sampson to another Yearly Meeting.

Committee.—Edward W. Howland, Benjamin Buffum, William C. Taber, Samuel Boyce, Edward Earle, John G. Whittier, Joseph Cartland, Charles B. Cates, Joseph Grinnell, Joseph P. Newhall, Timothy B. Hussey, Charles F. Coffin, Henry T. Wood, Thomas E. Steere, Moses Sawyer and William A. Brown.

Women's Committee.—Ann B. Earle, Gulielma W. Howland, Ellen R. Buffum, Gertrude W. Cartland, Eliza B. Boyce, Rebecca C. Grinnell, Anna G. Wood, Susan Taber, Ann Maria Coffin, Ruth B. Gifford, Elizabeth H. Newhall, Mercy Osborn, and Margaret B. Cates.

The meeting now proceeded to the consideration of the state of society, and having read the first Query and answers thereto, then adjourned to 4 o'clock in the afternoon.

Afternoon.—Met pursuant to adjournment, and the other Queries and answers were read. A very solemn covering was spread over the meeting, during this interesting engagement, and we trust we were favored to witness a measure of the Divine presence.

The answers evince as heretofore that our hearts are not fully dedicated to the service of our Lord and Master. A want of faithfulness in the due attendance of our religious meetings is apparent. We were reminded that the purposes of Divine Worship are various. Among them is the precious privilege of the communion of the Saints in the fellowship of the Spirit; and it encourages us on our Christian course to meet and commune with those who are seeking a better country; it enlivens our feelings and comforts our hearts; and it is further designed, that these occasions should be seasons when the Great Head of the Church may visit his people and the world, through the ministry of those whom he has called and qualified to preach the glad tidings of Salvation. Fully satisfied as we are that the gifts and callings come only from Him, we are none the less assured, that in these last days the prediction of the prophet is being fulfilled in the pouring out of the spirit of prophecy, upon servants and handmaidens. When we meet together for public worship let us lift up our hearts in prayer, not only for ourselves but also for our brethren, that the power of the Lord may break forth to the reaching of the careless and unconverted, and to the building up his people in the most holy faith.

Parents were entreated to be careful to take their children with them to their religious meetings. Our worthy predecessors in the truth, counted all things as nothing compared with their love for their Saviour. And when they were taken from their places of worship, and carried to prison, their meetings were sometimes kept up by their children, and we apprehend that the impressions made upon the tender minds of these lambs of the fold, in our religious meetings, may remain with them during life.

It was said of old under the Levitical Law respecting those who went not up annually to attend their solemn feasts, that upon them should descend no rain, and that a plague should rest upon their dwellings; and we were reminded that as we give way to indifference in regard to meeting with our friends

for Divine Worship, the love of God will be less prevalent in our hearts and we shall become careless in regard to the performance of other religious duties. Are we fully sensible of the obligations we are under to our Father in Heaven, for all that we possess? Do we realize that all our blessings, both temporal and spiritual, come from Him; that he has declared the silver is mine, and the gold is mine, and the cattle upon a thousand hills? Do we feel that we are dependent upon Him for the air we breathe, and for the continuance of our lives from day to day?

A fear was expressed that the love of the world and the deceitfulness of riches, prevent us from the due performance of this religious duty. Our Lord and Saviour declared "ye cannot serve God and Mammon," "for where your treasure is, there will your hearts be also."

The need there is of having our minds free from worldly cares when going to our religious meetings, was impressively spread before us, and we were reminded of the Patriarch Abraham when on his way to Mount Moriah, he spake to his servants, saying, "Abide ye here with the ass and I and the lad will go yonder and worship and return again"—thus evincing his concern that everything which should have a tendency to divert him from the object in view should be laid aside, that so his mind might be fixed upon Him and Him alone whom he wished to worship.

A want of love and unity was apparent by some of the reports from our Quarterly Meetings, on account of which an exercise was brought over us, and the language of our blessed Lord when about to ascend into Heaven was revived when he said, a new commandment I give unto you, which is that ye love one another. As this love is prevalent in our hearts, tale-bearing and detraction will cease, and in that charity which hopeth all things, and endureth all things, we shall go to an erring brother, and tell him his fault between us and him alone, and labor with him in the love of the Gospel for his restoration.

The right education of our children has called forth much exercise, and friends have been exhorted to train them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord—to prepare them for Heaven.

The responsibility those are under who stand as parents has been very feelingly adverted to. A lively concern has been felt that we may be careful in regard to the reading placed before our children. Much in the present time is coming forth daily from the press, in which the seeds of infidelity are insidiously sown, seeds of principles which tend to rob man of his only hope, that of salvation through a crucified Saviour.

Fervent desires were expressed that we may be earnestly engaged for the faithful maintainance of all our Christian testimonies; we believe that our predecessors were led into the adoption of them in the truth, and that we cannot lay any of them aside without sustaining a loss.

SUMMARY.

Ans. 1st. All our meetings for religious worship and discipline have been held, with the following exceptions, viz.: In Rhode Island, Quarterly Meeting,—three small meetings; in Salem, a few small meetings; in Sandwich, one; in Falmouth, two; in Smithfield, one; in Vassalboro', two; in Dover, five; and in Fairfield, two. In most of these the omissions have been occasioned by the inclemency of the weather. Meetings on First Days have been attended by most of our members. Mid-week meetings and those for Discipline are much neglected by some; the hour is nearly observed, and Friends are preserved from sleep, and all other unbecoming behavior therein with a few exceptions.

2d. Love and Unity are in a good degree maintained, although apparently wanting in a few. Detraction mostly guarded against. Endeavors are used to end differences.

3d. There is a care on the minds of most Friends to bring up those under their direction in plainness, and to restrain them from pernicious reading and from corrupt conversation, and to be exemplary herein themselves, while others are not so careful in these respects. The Holy Scriptures we believe are frequently read in Friends' families.

4th. Spirituous liquors appear to be confined to medicinal purposes with four or five exceptions. Clear in the other parts of this query, except a few instances in two Accounts of attending places of public resort, inconsistent with our religious profession.

5th. The circumstances of the Poor are attended to, and their necessities relieved, and their children partake of learning to fit them for business; none placed out.

6th. Friends appear to be careful in the several parts of this query, except a few instances in respect to marriage in three of the accounts.

7th. We believe our testimonies are maintained in the several parts of this query, except a few instances of contributing to the support of a paid ministry in one account.

8th. Friends appear to be mostly careful in these respects with a slight exception in one account.

9th. Our Records are attended to. A few removals without certificates, some of which are under notice.

10th. Care is taken to deal with offenders as queried after, although not always so seasonably as might be best. Endeavors are used to place judgment where it appears necessary, in the authority of truth, and in accordance with the discipline.

Adjourned to meet again at 10 o'clock to-morrow morning.

FOURTH DAY—*Morning, the 16th.*—The meeting again assembled.

RHODE ISLAND QUARTERLY MEETING proposes that the time of holding their meetings of ministers and elders in the 5th mo. be changed from 3 o'clock in the afternoon, unto 2 o'clock.

FALMOUTH proposes that their Quarterly Meeting, now held at Windham in the 9th mo., be held in future at Durham, and that the Quarterly Meeting now held at Durham in the 11th mo., be held in future at Windham.

SMITHFIELD proposes that the time of their meetings of ministers and elders in the 5th and 11th mos. be changed from 2 o'clock to 3 o'clock.

All of which being approved by this meeting the changes proposed are accordingly made, the women's meeting uniting herein.

The records of our Meeting for Sufferings have been read; and the attention given by that meeting to the important concerns which have come before it is very satisfactory; and the same friends with the exception of Alden Sampson removed within the limits of another Yearly Meeting, are appointed to constitute a meeting for Sufferings for the coming year, viz.:

David Buffum, Perez Peck, John D. Lang, Samuel Boyce, Joseph Taber of Albion, Stephen Jones, David K. Aikin, Stephen A. Chase, William Farr, William C. Taber, Tobias Meader,

Alden Sampson, William A. Robinson, Stephen Beede, Gilbert Congdon, Richard Battey, Henry M. Minott, John Page, Charles R. Tucker, Lemuel Gifford, Nathan Breed of Lynn, George Bowen, Newell Hoxie, David Kelly, Edward Earle, Joseph Cartland, of North Providence, George Howland, Jr., Edward W. Howland, Charles M. Bailey, Reuben T. Jones, Charles F. Coffin, Matthew Howland, William Austin Brown, Newell Ordway, Thomas Harkness, Obadiah Chase, Josiah Holmes, Jr., and Abraham Winslow.

And it is concluded that the Treasurer of this meeting, Gideon C. Smith, shall be *ex officio* member of said meeting.

Adjourned to meet again this afternoon at 4 o'clock.

Afternoon.—Met pursuant to adjournment. The committee on education presented the following Report, viz. :—

TO THE YEARLY MEETING :

The Committee on Education submit the following report :—

We have endeavored to attend to the subjects under our charge, and although the fruit of our labors may appear very small, yet the inducements and necessities for further efforts seem steadily increasing.

A part of the Committee have visited Friends' Boarding School at Providence, and Oak Grove Seminary at Vassalboro'.

Those institutions, continue to offer their advantages, to those who may wish to place their children at such schools, under the care of Friends.

The statistical returns received this year are as follows :—

1. The number of Friends' children in the Yearly Meeting between the ages of five and twenty-one years,	905
2. The number of Monthly Meeting Schools,	1
3. The number of Preparative Meeting Schools,	1
4. The number of Family Schools,	2
5. The number of Friends' children who have attended School the past year,	785
6. The number who have attended School taught by Friends or under their control,	194
7. The number of your members engaged in teaching the past year,	104
8. The number obtaining an education at Academies and Colleges, not under the care of Friends,	50
a9. The number of First Day Schools under the care of Friends,	64
10. Average time held,	7½ mo's

b11. The number of persons attending,	1,693
12. The number of the same who are Friends,	1,073
13. The number of Teachers,	243
14. The number of persons over 21 years of age attending,	847
15. The number of the same who are Friends,	606
16. The number of Births, during the year ending 1st 5th mo.,	30
17. The number of members admitted by request,	33
18. The number of members received by certificate from other Yearly Meetings,	3
19. The number of members removed by certificate to other Yearly Meetings,	29
20. The number of members deceased,	88
21. The number of members disowned,	22
22. The whole number of members belonging to the yearly meeting on the 1st day of the 5th mo., 1869,	4,618
23. The number of meetings without schools,	21

We are encouraged in the belief that the interest of Friends in Scriptural instruction is increasing, and in some parts very perceptibly so, yet the fact that 21 of the "Meetings for Worship" in this Yearly Meeting have no stated gatherings for the study of the Scriptures demands our serious consideration.

The importance of using some means for increasing the interest of the members of these small meetings, calls for our earnest prayers that they may be so baptized with the Holy Spirit, so made sensible of the presence of our Lord Jesus among them, that no effort will seem too much and no distance too great for them to gather for such a purpose. Even in scattered neighborhoods it has been found that a reading meeting can be maintained by earnest prayerful effort, where at first it seemed impossible.

We are impressed with the need of a higher standard of Education among us, and we would call the attention of Friends to this subject as one closely connected with the welfare and the extended usefulness of our religious society.

The educational views of our early Friends were broad and comprehensive.

Fox, Barclay, Penn and Dymond, well understood the value of knowledge, and assigned it its proper place. Christianity at once encourages high intellectual attainment, and teaches its subordination.

Favored as this Yearly Meeting is with means for the enlarged and liberal education of a considerable number of its members, we regard it as plainly incumbent upon us to secure for our youth this higher culture. We desire to see fully carried out the liberal views

of the Boarding School Committee, as set forth in a circular issued some years since, in which, after enumerating the facilities of the classical and scientific department of that institution, that Committee expressed "the hope that this new and important addition to the Boarding School," preserved, "in conformity to the principles and usages of Friends, will satisfy the views of those parents who wish to confer upon their children the benefits of a liberal and enlarged education; and that, while it will obviate the necessity of placing them beyond the sphere of the society for the completion of their studies, it may furnish them with all the essential literary advantages preparatory to lives of usefulness and virtue."

We desire to see this realized, and we especially hope that some means may be adopted not only for the *increase* of the number of Friends' children at our Boarding School, but that special inducements may be presented for them to continue their stay, and that thus at an early day there may be found a considerable number entered upon such an enlarged and liberal course of study.

JAMES G. ARNOLD, *Clerk*.

Which being read is approved and accepted; and the attention given to this important appointment is satisfactory to the meeting, and we appoint our friends Joseph E. Macomber, Charles W. Earle, Samuel R. Buffington, Abel F. Collins, John H. Crossman, William F. Vining, John Page, Prince G. Moore, Nathan T. Shepherd, Isaac R. Potter, William P. Macomber, Charles Taber, John Cartland, Charles Goddard, Silas H. Cartland, Calvin S. Goddard, Abel C. Munroe, James G. Arnold, Greely Dow, Thomas B. Nichols, Caleb Jones, Clement R. Jones, Albert C. Hill, Samuel Buffum, George F. Varney, Levi Jones, Benjamin G. Shepherd and Isaac Winslow, to unite with a committee from the Women's Meeting, and take the needful care in regard to the education of our beloved youth for the coming year. The establishment of First-day schools has particularly claimed our attention, and Friends have been encouraged to increased exertions in this important engagement. And Monthly Meetings are requested to appoint committees to obtain statistics of their members, and of their schools, and to aid the committee on education in their labors.

Women's Committee.—Abby Dennis, Cynthia J. Earle, Anna Gould, Ellen K. Buffum, Phebe S. Gifford, Anna B. Smith, Anna M. Gove, Mary B. Breed, Charity G. Dillingham, Susan

Taber, Ruth Ann Shepherd, Hetty S. Potter, Elizabeth Ann Slade, Esther Jones, Eunice D. Cartland, Mary C. Hawkes, Lydia M. Pope, Abigail Wheeler, Lydia G. Dow, Maria Aldrich, Margaret B. Cates, Narcissa Jacobs, Almira S. Hanson, Lydia E. Sawyer, Abigail C. Beede, Hannah W. Meader, Lavina M. Briggs, Zilpah J. Shepherd, and Sarah V. Winslow.

The Committee on the Revision of our Discipline made the following report, viz. :—

TO THE YEARLY MEETING :

The Committee on the Revision of the Book of Discipline report :

That we have given attention to our appointment, and that progress has been made in the important duty assigned us.

Our Working Committee, composed of 12 members, has held eight meetings during the year, of 24 sessions.

The work is however still quite incomplete, as great care and deliberation have been deemed requisite in this engagement.

By direction of the Committee.

CHARLES TABER,
ANN B. EARLE,
Clerks.

NEWPORT, 6th mo. 15, 1869.

And the Committee is continued and desired to give further attention thereto, and report at our next Yearly Meeting.

Committee on Discipline.—Joseph Cartland, Nathan Breed of Lynn, Newell Hoxie, Calvin S. Goddard, Richard Battey, Thomas B. Nichols, Stephen Beede, Moses Bailey, Obadiah Chase, Charles B. Cates, Gilbert Congdon, Charles F. Coffin of Lynn, George Bowen, Joseph E. Macomber, William A. Robinson, Thomas Harkness, John Henry Crosman, George Howland, Jr., George Douglas, Edward Earle, William Taber, Jacob K. Purinton, Reuben T. Jones, Henry T. Wood, John Page of Weare, Charles R. Tucker, Charles Taber, William A. Brown, John Milton Earle, and Abel F. Collins.

Women's Committee.—Gertrude W. Cartland, Mary Williams, Elizabeth Meader, Cynthia Bowen, Mary E. Breed, Lydia Pope, Hannah B. Sawyer, Mary Alice Brown, Rachel S. Howland,

Phebe R. Gifford, Ruth H. Baker, Rebecca C. Grinnell, Eunice J. Rich, Jane C. Minott, Mary C. Hawkes, Esther Jones, Ann B. Earle, Ann K. Colton, Peace Jones, Rachel B. Nichols, Eliza P. Varney, Lois J. Greene, Mary J. Page, Emeline S. Myers, Eliza B. Boyce, Abigail M. Hanson, Lydia Congdon, Gulielma W. Howland, Abby S. Battey, Sarah Osborne, Emily E. Dudley, Ann Elmira Lang, Lydia P. Fry, Abigail C. Beede, Susan L. Meader, Fanny C. Pinkham, Sophia D. Bailey, Elizabeth C. Wing, and Dórcas F. Tucker.

The Committee to audit and settle the accounts of the Treasurer made the following report, viz. :—

TO THE YEARLY MEETING :

The Committee appointed to settle the Treasurer's accounts, &c., report, that they have attended to their appointment, and find a balance in his hands, due the Meeting, of \$2,587.50. The debt of the Yearly Meeting, including the Boarding School debt, now amounts to \$20,788.97. The Committee propose that \$6,000 be raised for the use of the Meeting, and the name of Gideon C. Smith for Treasurer.

And they further report, that they have agreed on the following apportionment to each Quarterly Meeting, viz. :—

To Rhode Island,	22 per cent.
Salem,	25 “
Sandwich,	30 “
Falmouth,	4 “
Smithfield,	4 “
Vassalboro',	6 “
Dover,	3 “
Fairfield,	6 “
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For the Committee,

THOMAS HARKNESS.
SAM'L H. COLTON.

NEWPORT, 6th mo. 16, 1869.

Which is accepted, and our several Quarterly Meetings are requested to forward their respective proportions, of said sum to be raised, to Gideon C. Smith, who is appointed Treasurer of this Meeting.

The Committee on the concern of the Meeting on behalf of the Penobscot and Passamaquoddy tribes of Indians, made the following report, viz. :—

TO THE YEARLY MEETING:

The Committee on the concern of this Meeting for the improvement of the condition of the Penobscot and Passamaquoddy tribes of Indians, report,—that while way has not opened for a visit to these tribes during the past year, interviews were held with a number of the Indians, and such advice given as circumstances seemed to require. Care was also taken at different times to make such suggestions to members of the Legislature respecting the interests of the tribes as were deemed necessary.

The present number of the Passamaquoddy tribe is reported about the same as heretofore. From the report of the Agent of this tribe to the Legislature of Maine, we learn that its affairs are generally prosperous, that more has been done in cultivating the soil, larger crops have been raised, and greater interest has been manifested in farming than in past years. He says that most of the tribe are temperate, though there are individual cases of drunkenness. He had earnestly endeavored to enforce the statute against the liquor dealers, which he says had a good effect. Some improvement is also apparent in their manner of living; a good class of dwellings has sprung up, and an air of comfort pervades their villages. Schools of seven weeks duration have been taught at Pleasant Point and Peter Dana Point, and a good degree of interest in them has been manifested by the young men of the tribe.

The last census gives the number of the Penobscot tribe as 452. They are, however, so migratory in their disposition, extending their wanderings through the different Provinces and the Northern and Western States, prolonging their absence three or four years, during which their names are dropped from the census returns, that this enumeration is not wholly reliable. The number of births and deaths among both tribes has been about equal during the year.

About the usual opportunity has been afforded to procure employment at fair wages. Many of them are accounted skilled laborers by those engaged in the lumbering interest, and their help is sought for on this account.

The State Agent reports some increase of intemperance among them since the repeal of the Constabulary Act, and he urges the enforcement of a strict prohibitory law among the whites in their neighborhood. Schools were taught the past summer in the usual localities among the tribes, and from frequent inquiries made during

the year, and also from the report of their Agent, we believe that the attendance and progress of the children will compare favorably with that of any former year, and that the management has been judicious.

It is also cause of satisfaction to find that the Legislature has during the year directed the expenditure of upwards of \$2,000 among the Penobscot tribe, for the relief of the poor, the infirm and the sick.

On behalf of the Committee,

JOHN D. LANG.

STEPHEN JONES.

HENRY T. WOOD.

NEWPORT, 6th mo. 16, 1869.

And the attention given to their appointment by the Committee is satisfactory.

The same friends are continued, and are desired to extend further care and labor in this benevolent concern; and they are at liberty to draw on the Treasurer of this Meeting for the sum of fifty dollars, should it be needed, to aid them in this engagement.

The Representatives to whom was referred for consideration the subject of changing the time of holding our Yearly Meeting, report that they have conferred together, and after a season of deliberation thereon, they are united in proposing that the Yearly Meeting shall commence on 7th day after the 2d, 6th day in the 6th mo., at 9 o'clock in the morning, and that our Yearly Meeting of ministers and elders shall begin on the day preceding, at 9 o'clock in the morning; which after a time of solid consideration was approved, and the change is accordingly made, the women's meeting concurring therein.

The Committee to see that an edition of 3,500 copies of the London printed Epistle is published and distributed among our Quarterly Meetings, inform that the necessary attention has been given their appointment.

Adjourned to meet again at 3 o'clock to-morrow afternoon.

FIFTH DAY—*Afternoon, the 17th.*—Friends met pursuant to adjournment.

The Committee on Correspondence presented Essays of Epistles to the Yearly Meetings with which we correspond; which

being read and approved, the Clerk was directed to sign them on behalf of this meeting, and forward them to those meetings respectively.

The Clerk is directed to sign the following minute for Lewis Bedell, and minutes of a similar tenor for Eli Newlin, Daniel Hill, Zaccheus H. Powell, William R. Taber, William Nicholson, John Wood, Rebecca Collins, Caroline E. Talbott, Mary B. Pinkham, and Martha Watkins, viz. :—

Our beloved friend Lewis Bedell attended this meeting ; his company and religious services have been acceptable to us.

The Clerk is also directed to sign the following minute for Robert W. Hodson, and minutes of a similar tenor for Hulett Bedell, and his wife Mary S. Bedell, Thomas Pinkham, James H. Terrell, Sarah F. Underhill, Elizabeth F. Hobson, and Jane F. Brown, viz. :—

Our beloved Friend Robert W. Hodson acceptably attended this meeting.

The Clerk is directed to have 2,000 copies of the minutes of his Yearly Meeting printed and sent down to our Quarterly Meetings.

Our business being now brought to a close, we would commemorate the goodness of the blessed Head of the Church, in favoring us from time to time with an evidence of the continuance of his love, under the influence of which we have been enabled to transact the important concerns that have come before us in harmony and condescension. We have been comforted together, and have been brought very near to each other in Christian fellowship. Our hearts have been contrited under a humbling sense of these mercies, and with feelings of thankfulness we now separate, purposing to meet again at this place, on 7th day after the 2d 6th day, in the 6th mo., at 9 o'clock in the morning, next year, if the Lord permit.

Signed on behalf of the Meeting,

SAMUEL BOYCE, *Clerk.*

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At the Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England, commencing at Newport, R. I., on 7th day, the 11th of 6 mo., 1870.

By reports from our several Quarterly Meetings, the Representatives therein named are : From

RHODE ISLAND—David Buffum, Joseph Cartland, Perez Peck, Hiram Buffington, William A. Robinson, Obadiah Chase, George Bowen, Edward W. Collins, Stephen Chase, James Dennis, Gideon C. Smith, and George Anthony.

SALEM—Thomas Folsom, Newell Ordway, Herod Chase, William O. Newhall, Moses Huntington, Moses F. Rogers, Augustine Jones, Jabez Wood, Nathan Breed, of Lynn, Moses Sawyer, and William A. Brown.

SANDWICH—Rufus Sherman, Josiah Holmes, Jr., Joseph S. Tillinghast, George W. Francis, Newell Hoxie, William P. Macomber, David K. Akin, Nathan T. Shepherd, Arnold Gifford, and Jonathan Cowen.

FALMOUTH—Abraham Winslow, Freeman Andrews, Nathan Douglas, Josiah Winslow, Calvin S. Goddard, Charles C. Varney, and Isaiah Frye.

SMITHFIELD—John Milton Earle, Abel C. Munroe, Richard Battey, Charles Hadwen, Amos W. Collins, Thomas Grover, Jonathan F. Southwick, and Samuel H. Colton.

VASSALBORO'—Eli Jones, Stephen Jones, John D. Lang, Thomas B. Nichols, James Hussey, Jesse Roberts, Jedediah J. Varney, Zaccheus Goddard, James Pope, Jonathan Estes, and Caleb Jones.

DOVER—Joseph H. Pratt, Timothy B. Hussey, William Page, George Estes, and Tobias Meader.

FAIRFIELD—George Richardson, Noah Farr, Reuben T. Jones, Moses Bailey, William Prince Winslow, Isaac Winslow, and Joseph Taylor,

who being called, are all present but two, for the absence of one of whom satisfactory reasons were assigned.

Having at this time the acceptable company of our beloved friend, Isaac Robson from England, satisfactory certificates were received from the Monthly Meeting of Brighthouse, held in the 4th mo. last, the Quarterly Meeting of Yorkshire, held in the 4th mo., and the Yearly Meeting of ministers and elders, held the 17th of 5th mo., all expressing unity with him as a minister in good esteem, and in his prospect of a religious visit in this land; our minds were brought into much sympathy with our dear friend in this his arduous engagement; we extend to him a cordial welcome, and desire his encouragement.

We have also the acceptable company of our beloved friends, David H. Bennett, from New York Yearly Meeting; Deborah C. Thomas, from Baltimore; Allen Jay, from North Carolina; Caroline E. Talbot, from Ohio; Robert W. Douglas, from Indiana; Eli Newlin and David J. McMillan, from Western; James E. Bailey, David Hunt, Lindley M. Hoag, Jane M. F. Canney, from Iowa; and Eliza H. Varney, from Canada; who have produced satisfactory testimonials from their respective meetings, which have been read, expressive of unity with them in their prospect of a religious engagement amongst us.

We have also the acceptable company of our beloved friends, Maria Willets, an elder from New York Yearly Meeting, companion to Deborah C. Thomas; Martha S. Stanley, an elder from Ohio Yearly Meeting; Robert W. Hodson, an elder, companion to David J. McMillan; and Jehu Newlin, an elder, companion to Eli Newlin, both from Western Yearly Meeting; who have produced minutes from their respective meetings, expressive of concurrence with them in their present religious engagement.

The London printed Epistle, for the year 1869, has at this time been read to our edification and encouragement; and in order that the instructive contents therein contained may be

more generally diffused among our members, we appoint Charles R. Tucker and Henry T. Wood to see that an edition of 3,000 copies be apportioned among our subordinate meetings and placed under the care of the representatives.

And they are requested to cause an edition of 2,000 copies thereof to be printed in smaller size and sent down to the Quarterly Meetings.

Epistles from the Yearly Meetings of Ireland, Baltimore and North Carolina were then read, and the meeting then adjourned to 4 o'clock in the afternoon.

A communication is at this time received from M. Van Horn of this city, offering the use of the Congregational meeting-house for the purpose of holding a Friends' meeting to-morrow evening; and this meeting gratefully accepts the offer, viewing it as an evidence of the Christian kindness and regard of that society towards us; and the clerk is directed to furnish him with an extract from this minute.

Afternoon.—Friends met pursuant to adjournment.

David Buffum, on behalf of the representatives, informed the meeting that they were united in proposing Samuel Boyce for clerk, and Charles R. Tucker for assistant; which nominations being severally approved, they were appointed to those services for one year.

A communication is at this time received from Charles Howard Malcom of this city, offering the use of the 2d Baptist meeting-house for the purpose of holding a Friends' meeting to-morrow afternoon; this meeting cordially accepts this offer, viewing it as an evidence of the kind and Christian regard of that society; and the clerk is directed to furnish him with an extract of this minute.

Epistles from Ohio, Indiana, Western Iowa and Canada were now read.

In the reading of these Epistles our dear brethren of other Yearly Meetings were brought very near to us in the fellowship of the Gospel; and we appoint Gilbert Congdon, Eli Jones, Obadiah Chase, George Richardson, John Page, Isaac Steere, David K. Akin, Timothy B. Hussey, William C. Taber, Charles F. Coffin, Henry T. Wood, Caleb Jones, of China, Stephen Jones, Joseph Cartland, Augustine Jones, Charles C. Varney,

William O. Newhall, Charles R. Tucker, Jabez Wood, Calvin S. Goddard, Newell Hoxie, Richard Battey, Josiah Philbrick, Daniel Beede, William A. Brown, Charles Taber, Samuel Boyce, William P. Mosher, Daniel Swift, George Howland, Jr., Matthew Howland, John H. Crosman, Albert K. Smiley, Thomas J. Battey and Joseph Taylor, to prepare as way may open for it, essays of Epistles to all the Yearly Meetings with which we correspond, and present them at a future sitting.

Our hearts at this time have been drawn in Christian love towards our brethren in Norway, and apprehending that an epistolary communication would tend to their encouragement, our committee on correspondence are requested to take the subject into consideration, and if way opens for it, prepare an essay for an epistle to be sent to that Yearly Meeting.

Minutes of concurrence were at this time produced and read on behalf of Abby G. Mendenhall, companion to Jane M. F. Canney, Catherine I. Saylor, companion to Eliza H. Varney, and Lydia Maria Stanley, companion to Martha H. Stanley.

By the reports from our Quarterly Meetings we are informed that RHODE ISLAND has united with Swansey Mo. Meeting in acknowledging the gift and approving the public appearances in the ministry of Mark Anthony and Amey S. Anthony; and that Hannah Almy, a member of Rhode Island Mo. Meeting, and an elder, deceased 11th mo. 22d, 1869, aged 92 years, 8 mos. and 16 days.

SALEM informs that they have united with Seabrook Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Robert L. Brown and Mary Alice Brown to the station of elders.

SANDWICH informs that Lydia B. Mitchell, of Nantucket, an elder and member of New Bedford Mo. Meeting died 10th mo. 16th, 1869, aged 82 years, 7 mos.; that Rhoda H. Taber a minister and member of the same Mo. Meeting died 12th m. 29th, 1869, aged 73 years, 7 mos. 20 days; and that they have united with Sandwich Mo. Meeting in acknowledging the gift and approving the ministry of Daniel Swift; and with Westport Mo. Meeting in acknowledging the gift and approving the ministry of William P. Macomber.

FALMOUTH informs that they have united with Falmouth Mo. Meeting in the appointment of Stillman Estes, Mary C. Hawks and Hannah V. Meader to the station of elders; and that John

W. Minott, an elder and member of Falmouth Mo. Meeting, deceased 2d m. 24th, 1870, aged 89 yrs. 3 mos. and 20 days.

VASSALBORO' informs that they have united with Unity Mo. Meeting in the appointment of Elisha Mosher and Jane H. Meader to the station of elders; and with China Mo. Meeting in the appointment of Caleb Jones, and Hartwell A. Jenkins, to the same stations. That Hannah S. Philbrick an elder, deceased 7th mo. 7th, 1869, aged 47 years and 12 days; and that Mary Estes an elder, deceased 1st mo. 1st, 1870, aged 86 years, 3 mos. 19 days.

DOVER informs that Hannah Morrell, an elder and member of Berwick Mo. Meeting, died 3d mo. 13th, 1870, aged 77 years; and that Lydia Varney an elder and member of Dover Mo. Meeting, died 3d mo. 13th, 1870, in her 71st year.

FAIRFIELD informs that they have united with Sidney Mo. Meeting in acknowledging the gift and approving the public appearances in the ministry of Sarah V. Winslow.

We appoint our friends Thomas Harkness, Joseph Hoag, Geo. Howland, Jr., Calvin S. Goddard, Abel C. Munroe, Thos. B. Nichols, Timo. B. Hussey, and Isaac Winslow to prepare a summary of the answers to the Queries, and present to our next sitting.

We appoint Wm. A. Robinson, Wm. A. Brown, Edw'd W. Howland, Lemuel Jones, Josiah Philbrick, John H. Crosman, Thos. Folsom, Sam'l H. Colton, Jacob K. Purinton and Chas. M. Bailey to audit and settle the accounts of the Treasurer, and to propose a sum of money sufficient to defray the expenses of the Yearly Meeting for the coming year. They are also requested to propose some friend for Treasurer.

Salem Quarterly Meeting requests that this meeting take into consideration a new apportionment of our Yearly Meeting stock, and also that a detailed statement of the accounts of our Treasurer shall be reported by the committee appointed to settle his accounts; which, after consideration, is referred to our representatives to report their judgment thereon to a future meeting.

Adjourned to meet again on 2d day morning, the 13th, at 10 o'clock.

SECOND DAY—MORNING—the 13th.—Met pursuant to adjournment.

The Representatives being called, were all present but four,

for the absence of three of whom satisfactory reasons were assigned.

A minute of concurrence has at this time been read, on behalf of Enos H. Neal, companion to James E. Bailey, he being acceptably with us.

Acceptable epistles from London and New York Yearly Meetings were at this time received and read.

The Records of our last Yearly Meeting were now read.

The Meeting then proceeded to the consideration of the state of society, under a most solemn sense of the presence of the Great Head of the Church, and read the answers to the first query. These answers evince, as heretofore, a want of faithfulness in regard to the due attendance of our Religious Meetings, and we were most tenderly reminded of the obligations we are under to Him from whom cometh all our blessings, both temporal and spiritual, to be faithful in the performance of this religious duty, and in prayerfulness of heart to be diligent in assembling together for the purpose of worshipping our Father in Heaven, and thus openly acknowledge our allegiance to Him as the great King of kings and Lord of lords. Those meetings held in the middle of the week appear to be much neglected, and we were introduced into deep exercise and travail of spirit on account thereof; and the inquiry was most tenderly made, whether we consider them of less importance than those held on First day? Are they as lively and interesting as they should be?

Do we labor to hold them as they were held in the days of our early friends in the power of God? Are we not in part accountable ourselves for the smallness of their number—for the want of life which is often apparent in them? Have we ourselves ever gone out after the lukewarm and indifferent and taken them by the hand?

Are we careful to bear them on our hearts when we find access to the throne of grace? Have we ourselves faith in the promises of God? Do we ask a blessing upon our own families and household? Are we Christians seven days in the week? Are we giving evidence in our daily walks that we are the followers of Jesus? Do the elders also do their duty? Were we more faithful in these important points, should we not

sometimes feel ourselves impelled to bow down in vocal supplication to our Father in Heaven for his blessing to rest upon us ?

Were we ourselves more faithful in these important duties, should we not see an improvement, and would there not be found a gathering to the fold of Christ, and our meetings increase instead of lessen ?

Our minds were drawn forth in deep sympathy towards those whose lot may be cast in very small meetings, and most of the time it may be that they are held in silence. We would remind these of the promise of our blessed Lord, that where two or three are gathered in his name, there will he be in the midst of them, and as these are concerned, though their number may be small, to wait upon him in his name he will be in the midst of them and feed them with that heavenly bread and that living water which can alone nourish up the soul unto everlasting life.

Let us ever keep in view our Saviour's comforting promise when about to ascend to be glorified with the Father : " Lo I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world."

Adjourned to 4 o'clock this afternoon.

Afternoon.—Friends met pursuant to adjournment. The meeting then proceeded to the reading of the queries and answers as far as the fifth, inclusive.

By the answer to the second query it appears that love and unity are wanting among some of our members, and we would affectionately revive the language of the Apostle : " If we do not love our brother whom we have seen, how can we love God whom we have not seen ? " We would earnestly entreat our beloved friends often to examine their own hearts, and see whether there is anything lurking there which prevents the free circulation of this pure love, as from vessel to vessel. When assembled with our friends for the purpose of divine worship, do we feel this love flowing amongst us ?

Can we approach the throne of grace, and raise the prayer which our Saviour taught his disciples, " Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us " ?

Let us remember that we are not worthy to be called Friends if we do not love one another. Our blessed Lord declared, " By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another."

Let there be the cementing influence of this pure love in the heart, and all hardness towards each other will be done away, and detraction will cease. Although we may not slander our neighbor by any expression of words, yet there are other ways by which we may injure him,—even by the nodding of the head. Let us be watchful in this respect, remembering the declaration, “Whoso privily slandereth his neighbor, him will the Lord cut off.”

The right training of children was a subject in which the meeting was deeply exercised, and the necessity of a watchful care in regard to their reading was feelingly adverted to, lest their tender minds should become poisoned by the pernicious matter so abundantly circulated in the present day.

We were entreated to guard against frequenting places of public resort, where we should be in the way of hearing corrupt conversation, inconsistent with the disciple of Christ, and become contaminated therewith.

We were tenderly exhorted to be diligent in the reading of the Holy Scriptures, particularly in our families collectively assembled; and in these seasons, if at times we feel inclined to bend the knee and offer vocal supplication, we were entreated to be faithful and yield to manifested duty, that the blessing of the Most High might rest upon our household.

The representatives to whom was submitted the subject of a new apportionment, and also that of requesting a detailed statement of the treasurer’s account, presented the following report, viz.:—

TO THE YEARLY MEETING:

The representatives have met, and propose that the apportionments of stock among the Quarterly Meetings be as follows:—

Rhode Island,	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	23	per cent.
Salem,	21	“ “
Sandwich,	31	“ “
Falmouth,	4	“ “
Smithfield,	5	“ “
Vassalboro’,	6	“ “
Dover,	4	“ “
Fairfield,	6	“ “

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They also recommend that the report of the committee to audit the treasurer's account be made as heretofore ; but after the present time they shall contain the items of receipt and expenditure properly classified under their respective heads,

W. A. ROBINSON,
for the Representatives,

which, being satisfactory, is accepted.

Adjourned to meet again to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock in this house in joint session with the Women's Yearly Meeting.

THIRD DAY—*Morning, the 14th.*—Friends met in joint session, pursuant to adjournment.

The representatives being called, were all present but seven, for the absence of four of whom satisfactory reasons were assigned.

Our beloved friends, Eli and Sybel Jones, at this time returned the certificates granted them in the year 1866 to make a visit in the love of the Gospel in foreign lands ; and they informed this meeting that they have been enabled through Divine mercy to accomplish the arduous labors they had in prospect, and to return with the reward of peace.

They have presented to this meeting a copy of a minute from the meeting of ministers and elders held in London on the 26th of 7th mo. 1869, expressive of their appreciation of their services and satisfaction and unity with them in the work in which they had been engaged.

They informed the meeting that they had visited Ireland, England, Scotland, France, Greece, Asia Minor, Syria, Egypt, Palestine and some places on the borders of the Mediterranean Sea ; that they had also visited missions and schools, and had held meetings among Mahometans, Pagans, Jews and others, in all of which places there was an open door, and the gospel message was received with thankfulness and joy.

During this season, while we have been listening to the instructive narrative of our dear friends, a very solemn covering of Divine love was spread over us, and we were made thankful under a humbling sense of the care extended towards them in their travels ; for the protection and preservation from dangers, perils by land and perils by sea to which they have been exposed,

and our hearts were united together in thanksgiving and praise to a superintending Providence, for all these favors, and for their safe return to their friends.

Adjourned to meet again this afternoon in separate session at 3 o'clock.

Afternoon.—Friends again met pursuant to adjournment.

The committee upon the concern of this meeting for aiding the freed people of color, presented the following report, viz. :—

TO THE YEARLY MEETING :

The committee under appointment to promote efforts for the relief and improvement of the freed people of color, present their sixth annual report.

Near the first of the 9th month, 1869, our mission and schools at Washington were re-opened, under the care of our superintendents, John C. and Hannah Gove, and our former principal, Hannah S. Macomber, with her assistants, Mary E. Gove, Susan H. Pierce, Mary E. Jenkins and Elizabeth P. Nichols. This was a month earlier than in any previous year, as we believed that it would be for the interest of the school. We commenced with about 175 scholars, and before the end of the month, had received all we could accommodate, in our four rooms, numbering 256, with constant applications from others, whom we were reluctantly obliged to refuse. The scholars this year have been between the ages of 6 and 17 years, means of instruction for those older, being furnished by the evening schools at the Lincoln Institute, near by. Many of our children were of a better class than heretofore, some of the parents accompanying them, and promising to visit the schools and co-operate with the teachers. We feel much rejoiced at this proof of the interest of the parents in the welfare of their children. The attendance in the schools has never been better, nor the progress of the pupils more satisfactory than this year. The children are more neat and orderly and better clothed. Nearly all have supplied themselves with books.

A vacation of one week was taken at the close of the year, and a little festival given to the school; the scholars were collected in the school-room, spoke pieces and recited the story of the birth of Christ, as found in Luke, second chapter, after which, each received a present of a book or illuminated card and other smaller articles, the means to procure which were supplied by generous contributions from our

friends in various parts of the Yearly Meeting. Parents and children were well pleased and satisfied.

During the recess, Hannah S. Macomber visited about forty families, most of them homes of the older children. She writes: "I found quite a number of them very comfortable and pleasant. The people are still poor, very poor, struggling with ignorance and all the degrading effects of slavery. But they are improving—have already improved wonderfully. Go to the Howard University. See the young men in the college class who have had but three years of study. Come to our own Mission School. See the little boys, members of my first class, who entered our school four years ago, not knowing their letters. They can now read well, write a legible hand, have a good general knowledge of geography, the fundamental rules of arithmetic, and of United States money. Go to their homes and see how hard their parents are laboring to feed, clothe and educate their families; and these are only some of the many." Their preacher speaks most feelingly of their patient waiting and praying until the hour of their deliverance from slavery came; and we cannot but hope that, with the Divine blessing and their present advantages, they will become an industrious, educated people.

The colored trustees of schools in Washington have rendered some assistance in providing school-room furniture, and have also frequently visited our schools, expressing great satisfaction and thankfulness at the work that is being so thoroughly done here for this people, referring other teachers to them as model schools.

A large and interesting First-day school has been maintained with increasing interest, numbering 120 scholars, under the care of 14 teachers, composed of our own mission family, together with several young men from the city, who have kindly and generously given their assistance in this interesting work, and have also united in a teachers' meeting, one evening in the week, for the study of the lesson and other First-day school subjects. They have also a First-day school library, numbering seventy volumes, the valuable gift of our friend Charles Taber, of New Bedford, including some interesting temperance stories, calculated to arouse the careless and intemperate. There is already quite an interest awakening in the temperance cause, and we believe another powerful auxiliary in this very important reform would be the passage of the bill, some time since presented to Congress, for the suppression of liquor selling in the District of Columbia.

Sarah E. Wall continues her interest and her labors for the improvement of this people. She remained in Washington during

part of the summer vacation, devoting her time to teaching the women and girls sewing, cutting and fitting garments and mending. In the winter she opened a sewing-school, averaging about 75 scholars, for the girls who attend our schools. Many of them had been before taught to sew nicely, and her chief aim the past winter has been to teach them the more difficult parts of cutting and fitting garments together, and their improvement has been very satisfactory. She also has a morning class for women and grown-up girls, on her plan of last summer, and they are very much interested in their work. During the past year she has given out about one hundred garments to be made by poor women in their homes, to help them in getting clothing for themselves; but her main object is to *teach* them to sew and mend, rather than to furnish employment, as the Lincoln Institute, near by us, has an Industrial School, where they can obtain employment after they have once learned to sew and fit their work. She says: "Those sections of the city where no industrial school of any kind has been established are the ones which furnish most of the examples of extreme destitution and degradation in Washington, another convincing proof of the necessity of healthful employment as one great means of elevating them temporally and morally." She acknowledges the receipt, during the past winter, of several valuable contributions of clothing from Lynn, Salem, Newburyport, New Bedford, Long Plain, Holliston and Westbury (Long Island), all of which, she says, "have made glad many hearts, and, I believe, have been, in every instance, worthily bestowed." She requests us particularly to mention the receipt from a friend in Salem of fourteen work-boxes, which have been given from time to time, as rewards, to those who have made the most improvement in sewing. They were very nice presents, and the little girls who received them were very much pleased.

She continues: "The prospect is, that there will be as much need another year as before, and it will so continue to be, until these many thousands of idle men shall become self-supporting through their own labor. Their almost superstitious faith in the government holds them here with a force that even starvation itself cannot shake. What shall be done with them?"

This committee have under our care three young women, who are being fitted for teachers in the normal school of the Howard Institute. The expenses of their education are not defrayed from the funds of this Yearly Meeting, but from money received for this purpose from a fund called the "English School Fund for the Training of Teachers."

Several members of the Committee have visited the Mission at different times during the year, and have been well satisfied with the management of the family and the progress and improvement of the scholars. We feel, as heretofore, that our school enjoys peculiar advantages in providing a home for the teachers, under the care of our valued friends, John C. and Hannah Gove. Our corps of teachers have been all that we could desire—earnest and faithful in their work, and, we believe, conscientiously desirous to promote the best welfare of the children under their care. The family circle has been a harmonious and happy one, and the influence exerted has been beneficial to all within its reach.

Meetings for religious worship have been regularly held at the mission, on First-day mornings, which have been attended by the few members of our society who reside in Washington, and frequently also by strangers temporarily in the city; and friends travelling in the ministry, have often found a comfortable home under its hospitable roof.

The whole amount of expense of the Mission for the	
past year including expense of Government buildings	
and taxes, has been	\$3,398 30
Balance now on hand,	1,131 57

By the financial report of our proceedings, it will be observed that the balance of funds remaining on hand, at the close of our school year will be about \$1,000 (one thousand dollars). This sum, together with the income arising from the rent of the houses and from other sources, will be nearly sufficient to maintain our operations for another year. And in view of the success which has attended our efforts in the past, and the continued need which is still manifest among this class in Washington, we are united in recommending that the schools be continued another year.

On behalf of the Committee,

EDW. W. HOWLAND,
ANN B. EARLE.

NEWPORT, Sixth Month, 13th 1870.

NOTE.—Contributions of money, clothing or other articles, for the benefit of the Freedmen, will be gladly received by the Committee, and may be sent to our friends WM. C. TABER of New Bedford, or CHARLES F. COFFIN of Lynn, who will forward them for the sick and needy in Washington.

Cotton cloth, calico and stocking yarn are especially desirable.

Which being read and satisfactory is accepted, and the attention given by the committee to this benevolent concern, and their labor for the good of the Freedmen is very grateful to our feelings, and we believe that the blessing of the Most High has rested upon the mission..

The committee are continued, and are desired to unite with a committee from the women's meeting, and take the necessary charge of the mission for one year.

Committee.—Edward W. Howland, Benjamin Buffum, William C. Taber, Samuel Boyce, Edward Earle, John G. Whittier, Joseph Cartland, Charles B. Cates, Joseph Grinnell, Timothy B. Hussey, Charles F. Coffin, Henry T. Wood, Thomas E. Steere, Moses Sawyer and William A. Brown.

Women's Committee.—Ann B. Earle, Gulielma W. Howland, Ellen R. Buffum, Gertrude W. Cartland, Eliza B. Boyce, Rebecca C. Grinnell, Anna G. Wood, Susan Taber, Ann Maria Coffin, Ruth B. Gifford, Elizabeth H. Newhall, Mercy Osborn, and Margaret B. Cates.

The meeting then proceeded to the reading of the other queries and answers under a feeling of much solemnity, and much tender counsel and advice were given by exercised friends. It appears by these that drowsiness and sleeping are apparent in some instances in our religious meetings, and we were encouraged when in these seasons of devotion we feel a deadness and want of life, to consider whether we are not too much absorbed in our avocations with the things of the world.

We were encouraged to more watchfulness and prayer, under the belief that as we are engaged to pray without ceasing, our blessed Saviour will help us to overcome this weakness.

Desires were felt for a more faithful maintenance of all our Christian testimonies. We believe they originated in the truth, and that our worthy predecessors were led to the adoption of them under its blessed influence.

We crave that they may all be supported, believing that we cannot let any of them fall without suffering loss.

The meeting was introduced into an exercise on behalf of those who have been in membership with us, but on various accounts have lost that right, and also for the descendants of such and for other non-members who manifest an attachment to Friends by attending our meetings ;—and under a belief that a

responsibility rests upon us, and a religious duty is required towards such, Monthly Meetings were encouraged to appoint committees to visit them in the spirit of gathering and restoring love, and labor with them, in the ability afforded, in order to bring them into the bosom of the church, manifesting the solicitude of Moses towards Hobab, his brother-in-law, witnessed by the kind invitation, "Come thou with us, and we will do thee good ; for the Lord hath spoken good concerning Israel."

SUMMARY ANSWERS.

1st. All our meetings for religious worship and discipline have been duly held, except forty (omitted mostly on account of inclement weather), and attended on First-day morning by Friends generally ; those held in the middle of the week, and for discipline, not so fully attended. The hour is nearly observed. A few instances of sleeping. Clear of other unbecoming behavior.

2d. Love and unity are generally maintained, and detraction guarded against, with some exceptions. Endeavors are used to end differences when they arise.

3d. We believe Friends have a care to bring up those under their direction in plainness, to restrain them from pernicious reading and corrupt conversation, and to be good examples themselves. The Holy Scriptures are frequently read in Friends' families, with a few exceptions.

4th. The use of spirituous liquors is confined to medicinal purposes, with eight exceptions. The frequenting of taverns and places of public resort mostly avoided. Nearly clear in the other parts of this query.

5th. The circumstances of the poor are attended to, and their necessities relieved ; their children freely partake of learning to fit them for business. None placed out from amongst Friends.

6th. With a few exceptions, which are generally under notice, Friends appear careful that proceedings with respect to marriage be conformable to our discipline.

7th. With one exception of a military nature, and one or two of contributing to a paid ministry, our testimonies appear to be well maintained in the several parts of this query.

8th. Friends, with few exceptions, are careful in the several parts of this query.

9th. Careful as to records. A few removals without certificates, most of which are under notice.

10th. Generally careful to deal with offenders, though not at all times as seasonably as would be best. Judgment has been placed, we trust, according to discipline.

Adjourned to meet again at 10 o'clock to-morrow morning.

FOURTH DAY—*Morning, the 15th.*—Met pursuant to adjournment.

The representatives being called, were all present but five, for the absence of three of whom satisfactory reasons were assigned.

Salem Quarterly Meeting proposes that the place of holding their Quarterly Meeting of ministers and elders in the first month be changed from Salem to Lynn; and that the time of holding it in the 10th month be changed from South Weare to North Weare; and that the hour of holding all their meetings be changed from 11 to 10 o'clock, which being approved by this meeting, the changes are accordingly made.

Falmouth Quarterly Meeting informs that Falmouth Monthly Meeting, proposes the appointment of Calvin S. Goddard, for correspondent of that meeting in place of John W. Minott, deceased. Which appointment is accordingly made.

The committee to see that an edition of 3,000 copies of the London Printed Epistle is placed in the care of the Representatives, reported that the service has been performed.

All the Quarterly Meetings report that they have paid their proportion of yearly stock to the treasurer of the Yearly Meeting.

In order that a correct list of the members of our meeting of ministers and elders may be kept upon our records, our Quarterly Meetings are requested to report the names next year, of all the ministers and elders within their limits, and they are requested to report annually in addition to our present practice, all the names of those who remove without the limits of our Yearly Meeting, and those who remove within the limits of each Quarterly Meeting.

The report of our Boarding-School Committee was at this time received, and read, and being satisfactory to the meeting it was accepted, and is as follows:—

TO THE YEARLY MEETING:

In presenting their annual report of the condition of the Boarding-School at Providence, the Committee feel themselves authorized

to state that the standing of the institution, as one of the first of its class, under the management of its present board of officers has been maintained; harmony and good order have prevailed, and they have been comforted in observing an increasing sense of religious obligation among its inmates, and in not a few cases undoubted proofs of a growth in Christian life have been witnessed. They can also with thankfulness report that no severe case of illness has occurred at the school during the past year.

The number of pupils during the autumn term was one hundred and seventy-two, viz.: one hundred and eight boys, and sixty-four girls. In the spring term, one hundred and sixty-eight, viz., one hundred and seven boys, and sixty-one girls.

The officers of the institution have been Albert K. Smiley, Principal; Rebecca H. Smiley, principal of the female department; John F. Rowell, Thomas I. Battey, Besse T. Wing, Martha G. Read and Mary Amy Collins, teachers of English branches; William B. Phillips, teacher of ancient and modern languages; Daniel C. Maxfield, teacher of mathematics, and Catharine H. Austin, teacher of drawing.

The pupils and family continue to attend the meetings for worship held in Providence on First-day forenoons and in the middle of the week. First-day afternoons are occupied in scriptural instruction and reading, and portions of scripture are daily read to the assembled school in each department, in the morning and before retiring for the night.

In our report of last year it was stated that the net earnings of the school, as near as could be estimated, was \$3,547, but on definitely closing up the yearly accounts it was found that the further sum of \$766 $\frac{81}{100}$ had been realized from the business of the year, reducing the debt then existing to \$10,868 $\frac{26}{100}$. The report of the auditing committee now shows, that as near as can be ascertained, the income of the school to the end of the present term will exceed its expenses, including interest paid, by the sum of \$4,957 $\frac{42}{100}$, which deducted from the amount of debt above, leaves the present indebtedness \$5,910 $\frac{77}{100}$. From this favorable result we may infer that, with the Divine blessing, one year more of reasonable success will nearly finish the payment for the new building.

It must be a source of satisfaction to Friends of this Yearly Meeting to know that while the character and usefulness of the school have been kept up, and the charge for board and tuition to our own members has not been greater than is charged at other similar schools, there has been paid during the past six years from the earnings of the establishment towards the valuable improvements

that have been made in the school buildings the sum of twenty-six thousand dollars.

We would propose that the charge for board and tuition the ensuing school year of forty weeks to members of our Yearly Meeting be reduced to one hundred and twenty dollars, and that no change be made at this time in the price to other classes of scholars.

Proposed Schedule of Prices of Tuition, &c., per Annum.

For members of our Yearly Meeting,	\$120 00
For members of other Yearly Meetings, or where one or both parents are members of our religious society, or for scholars sent at the expense of such,	190 00
For all others who may be admitted,	300 00

An additional charge of ten dollars to be made for one year's instruction in Latin, French, German or Drawing,—one-half payable at the commencement of the year, and one-half at the opening after recess.

From information received from the treasurer of the school fund, it appears that the income from the charitable funds, including the Ebenezer Metcalf donation, will warrant the admission of eighteen scholars the ensuing school year.

A contribution in aid of our charitable funds referred to in our report last year, amounting to one thousand eight hundred dollars, has been received and paid over to the treasurer of the school funds. While we commend the liberality of those who have contributed of the means wherewith the Lord has prospered them to this good work, we would urge upon all our dear friends throughout the Yearly Meeting the consideration whether they will not also lend a helping hand herein, that thus more of our members, who could not otherwise enjoy the benefit of the school, might be assisted in obtaining an education to qualify them for usefulness in their generation under the fostering care of the Society.

On behalf and by direction of the Committee,

WM. C. TABER, *Clerk.*

NOTE.—The first half-year begins 9th mo. 7th, 1870; closes 1st mo. 25th, 1871. Winter recess begins 1st mo. 25th, 1871; closes 2d mo. 8th, 1871. Second half-year begins 2d mo. 8th, 1871; closes 6th mo. 28th, 1871.

Regulations of the School Committee.—Pupils may be withdrawn at the close of the half-year only when application is made therefor at the time of entering. The Committee earnestly desire that the number of those who are withdrawn at the close of the first half-year may be as small as possible, as in

the arrangement of classes and studies reference is made primarily to those who remain through the year, constituting, as they do, a large majority of the school, and it will therefore happen that those who remain but half the term will receive much less than a proportionate share of advantage.

Application for admission to the school should be made seasonably for the meeting of the committee on the 2d of eighth month next. Those who are members of our Yearly Meeting will have precedence of all others to that date, after which applications will be considered in the order in which they are received. Those who desire the benefit of the charitable fund, or of the Ebenezer Metcalf donation, should apply at the time above specified. And in all cases information is expected of the age, moral habits, and literary acquirements of the applicants.

Applications for admission should be made to the principal. Address, Albert K. Smiley, Principal, Friends' Boarding School, Providence, R. I.

And the Committee with the exception of Joseph P. Newhall, deceased, are continued, and in conjunction with a committee from the Women's Yearly Meeting, are desired to take the general supervision of the school for one year; and Charles Taber is added to said committee.

Our friend Thomas Harkness is appointed treasurer of the school fund for the year.

Committee.—David Buffum, William C. Taber, Charles W. Weber, Edward Earle, Thomas B. Nichols, William P. Tuttle, William A. Robinson, Gideon C. Smith, Moses Bailey, Samuel Boyce, Charles R. Tucker, Charles F. Coffin of Lynn, Richard Battey, Gilbert Congdon, George Howland, Jr., and Charles Taber.

Women's Committee.—Sarah F. Tobey, Eliza B. Boyce, Mary C. Hawkes, Anna K. Colton, Rachel B. Nichols, Eliza P. Varney, Gertrude W. Cartland, Dorcas B. Robinson, Ann B. Earle, Rebecca C. Grinnell, Dorcas F. Tucker, Ann T. Dennis, Gulielma W. Howland, Phebe R. Gifford, Sophia D. Bailey, and Gulielma Freeborn.

Adjourned to meet again this afternoon at 4 o'clock.

Afternoon.—Friends met pursuant to adjournment.

The records of the meeting for Sufferings were read, and the attention which had been paid to the various concerns that have come before that meeting is satisfactory. The account given of the labors of the committee in conjunction with committees of other Yearly Meetings, for the improvement of the condition of

the Indians in the far West, was deeply interesting, and strong desires were expressed that the committee may continue their exertions for the help of this much injured class of our fellow-men.

Our treasurer is directed to pay to Charles F. Coffin, of Richmond, Indiana, the sum of 850 dollars, to be appropriated to the payment of our proportion of the funds to be raised to carry forward this benevolent concern; and we appoint our friends, Wm. A. Brown, Edward W. Howland, Moses Bailey, Stephen Jones, Gideon C. Smith, Joseph Taylor, Abel C. Munroe, David K. Akin, Thomas Harkness, Eli Jones, William C. Taber, Lemuel Jones, Henry T. Wood, William P. Tuttle, Perez Peck, Thomas Folsom, Timothy B. Hussey, William S. Boyce, Jonathan Southwick and Calvin S. Goddard, to bring forward the names of friends to constitute a meeting for Sufferings for the ensuing year.

The Committee on Education make the following Report, viz.:

TO THE YEARLY MEETING:

The Committee on Education submit the following Report:—

The members of this Committee, being scattered as they are throughout New England, there has not been that opportunity for conference and consultation which they could have desired. Several meetings have, however, been held during the year, viz.: Two at Newport in the 6th month last, one at Lynn in the 8th month, one at Vassalboro' in the 9th month, one at Providence in the 2d month, and two since coming to this island at the present time.

These meetings have all been occasions of interest, and we doubt not have done something towards promoting the object for which this Committee was appointed, and especially in the direction of promoting First-day Schools and Bible instruction, a work which this Committee has much at heart, believing it to be intimately connected with the best interests of this Society.

Circulars were sent to our correspondents in the different Monthly Meetings immediately after our last Yearly Meeting, calling their attention to the importance of giving prompt attention to these schools within their limits, in order to be able, at the end of the year, to give a definite statement respecting the attendance and condition of each.

These circulars, in most instances, had the desired effect; but it is evident to the Committee that the only way to obtain correct

statistics, touching the information desired by the Yearly Meeting, is for the Yearly Meeting to insist upon the Monthly Meetings appointing special committees for this purpose; for if the subject is worthy of consideration at all, it is important that the information coming to the Yearly Meeting should be strictly reliable.

And inasmuch as the subject of the number of members is likewise among the queries to which answers are desired from our correspondents, the Committee suggests and recommends that lists of members of each Monthly Meeting, alphabetically arranged and clearly drawn up, shall be placed in some conspicuous place in each Meeting House of Friends where a Monthly Meeting is held, where their accuracy and completeness can be ascertained by all interested, and such tests, renewed year by year, shall be the basis from which the number of members be computed.

We believe the following summary to be very nearly correct:—

QUERIES.

1. The number of Children belonging to the Meeting between the ages of five and twenty-one years,	848
2. The number of Monthly Meeting Schools,	1
3. The number of Preparative Meeting Schools,	1
4. The number of Family Schools,	6
5. The number of Children who have attended School during the past year,	733
6. The number who have attended School taught by Friends or under their control,	187
7. The number obtaining an education at Academies and Colleges, not under the care of Friends,	42
8. The number of your members engaged in teaching,	115
9. The number of First-day Schools under the care of Friends,	66
10. What portion of the year has each been held,	8 mos.
11. The whole number attending,	2,737
12. The average number,	1,756
13. The number of Friends attending,	1,070
14. The number over twenty-one years of age,	917
15. The number of Friends over twenty-one years of age,	628
16. The number of Teachers engaged in them,	258
17. The number of particular Meetings, without Sabbath Schools or Bible Class,	18
18. The number of Bible Classes not connected with First-day Schools,	14
19. What portion of the year has each been held, (average,)	7 mos.
20. Whole number belonging to each,	303
21. Average number attending the same,	202
22. The number of Friends belonging to each,	224
23. The number of Births during the year ending 5th mo., 1st, 1870,	34

24. The number admitted by request into the Monthly Meeting, .	31
25. The number added by certificate from other Yearly Meetings, .	4
26. The number removed by certificate to other Yearly Meetings, .	43
27. The number deceased,	75
28. The number disowned or released,	17
29. The whole number of members belonging to the Meeting on the 1st day of 5th mo., 1870,	4,500

While this statement may not be all that we could desire, it has at least some encouraging features, especially with reference to First-day schools and scriptural instruction.

It appears, by reference to our Book of Records, that, in the year 1851, when the number of First-day schools was first reported to the Yearly Meeting, there were but 16 in all, with an attendance of 533—374 of whom were members of our Religious Society, being only about 24 per cent. of the number of children reported for that year; while at the present time the whole number receiving instruction in these schools is 3,040, the number of Friends connected with such, including teachers, being 1,328, or about 30 per cent. of the whole number of members.

The number of children of Friends attending these schools between the ages of 5 and 21 is 442, about fifty per cent. of the whole number of children in the Yearly Meeting. In this connection it should be borne in mind that quite a number of Friends and Friends' children are connected with union schools not reported in this account.

It appears from the returns that the number not members of our society attending First-day schools under the care of Friends is 1,667, viz., 289 adults, and 1,378 children.

Another encouraging feature is the establishment in various sections of the Yearly Meeting during the past year of several Quarterly Meeting conferences for the purpose of encouraging scriptural instruction, and it is to be hoped, considering the good influence of these conferences in various directions, that before another Yearly Meeting there may be such an association formed in each Quarterly Meeting within our limits.

We have still to regret that 18 of our meetings are yet reported as without First-day schools, against 21 last year. Some of these meetings, however, are very small. Six new schools have been established where none existed last year, and efforts are reported which, we hope, will increase this number in future reports.

One meeting reports an assembly on First-day afternoon, when the Scriptures are read, followed by a season for social worship;

and we learn of other similar gatherings not reported, where good seems to result.

Are there not other small meetings up and down in our land where, if Friends were earnestly engaged to ask the direction and aid of the Lord, they would find many ways of serving him?

Let us seek for more full consecration of will and power to Christ, and more faithful obedience to the leadings of his Holy Spirit, for it may be with some of us "the time is short."

And while we would impress upon Friends the importance of giving increased attention to the interesting subject of scriptural instruction, we would urge upon them the importance of grasping the whole subject of education in its broadest and most comprehensive sense, for the head as well as the heart needs educating in order to perform in the best manner the responsible duties that are daily devolving upon us as members of a religious society claiming, through Christ, individual priesthood before God. And the more fully this solemn truth is recognized, the greater becomes our responsibility.

"Knowledge is power," and hence the importance of developing the whole man mentally as well as spiritually, for when such knowledge is consecrated to God, its possessor becomes a powerful agency in the Lord's hand in promulgating religious truth and in building up the Redeemer's kingdom among men.

It is therefore clearly the duty of N. E. Yearly Meeting to make ample provision for the liberal education of the youth of our people, and especially for such as are so circumstanced as to be unable to provide the means of such education for themselves.

We hope that Friends may be encouraged and stimulated to make personal sacrifices, if need be, for the thorough, guarded education of their children. We believe there never has been a time in the history of our Society when such care was more needed or when such effort would be more richly rewarded.

There never was a time when intelligent, conscientious Friends could labor more successfully than now in the service of their Master; for while there is a tendency in the human mind to follow the leading spirits of the age, saying "Lo, here is Christ!" or rejecting him altogether, there is a growing conviction that whatever is to be experimentally known of God is manifest in man.

If, then, we would continue to fill that position as a Religious Society, which our Father in Heaven would have us occupy, and in disseminating those primitive doctrines of Christianity recognized as truth by our early Friends, we must not only continue to advo-

cate this great cause of education but contribute more liberally for its support.

Signed on behalf of the Committee,

J. H. CROSMAN, *Clerk.*

Which being read and approved was accepted ; and the attention given to this interesting concern was satisfactory to the meeting, and the several propositions therein contained are recommended to the careful consideration and adoption of our subordinate meetings ; and the committee are continued, with the exception of George C. Varney, and requested to unite with a committee from the Women's Meeting, and take the necessary care in regard to the subject of education for one year ; and Russell Hoag is added to said committee.

Committee.—Joseph E. Macomber, Charles W. Earle, Samuel R. Buffington, Samuel Austin, Abel F. Collins, John H. Crosman, William F. Vining, John Page, Prince G. Moore, Nathan T. Shepherd, Isaac R. Potter, William P. Macomber, Charles Taber, John Cartland, Charles Goddard, Silas H. Cartland, Calvin S. Goddard, Abel C. Munroe, James G. Arnold, Greely Dow, Thomas B. Nichols, Caleb Jones, Clement R. Jones, Albert C. Hill, Samuel Buffum, Levi Jones, Benjamin G. Shepherd, Isaac Winslow and Russell Hoag.

Women's Committee.—Cynthia J. Earle, Anna Gould, Ellen K. Buffum, Phebe S. Gifford, Anna B. Smith, Anna M. Gove, Mary B. Breed, Charity G. Dillingham, Susan Taber, Ruth Ann Shepherd, Hetty S. Potter, Elizabeth Ann Slade, Esther Jones, Eunice D. Cartland, Mary C. Hawkes, Lydia M. Pope, Abigail Wheeler, Lydia G. Dow, Maria Aldrich, Margaret B. Cates, Narcissa Jacobs, Almira S. Hanson, Lydia E. Sawyer, Hannah W. Meader, Lavina M. Briggs, Zilpha J. Shepherd, Sarah V. Winslow, Cynthia J. Bowen, and Abigail Gould.

Adjourned to meet again to-morrow afternoon at 3 o'clock.

FIFTH DAY—*Afternoon, the 16th.*—Friends met near the time of adjournment.

The Representatives being called were all present but six, for the absence of four of whom a satisfactory reason was assigned.

Having at this time the company of our friends, Robert W. Douglas and William G. Hubbard from Ohio, who are authorized

by the "Peace Association of Friends in America" to labor as agents on their behalf, by way of lecturing, and disseminating and circulating amongst the public such documents and information as will tend to the spreading of our views and principles against wars and fightings, the subject has received our deliberate consideration, and fervent were our desires that our Yearly Meetings may know and follow the pointings of truth in this respect.

We deeply sympathize with our friends in their desire for the spread of our peaceable principles, and in order to aid in the good work, we appoint Eli Jones, David Buffum, John H. Crossman, Joseph H. Atwater, Timothy B. Hussey, Matthew Howland, Charles C. Varney, Edward W. Howland, Samuel R. Buffington, Joseph Cartland, George Richardson, Charles M. Bailey, Charles Taber, Gideon Wood, Jabez Wood, Thomas B. Nichols, Joseph E. Macomber, Henry T. Wood, Nathaniel Gifford, George Pope, Herod Chase, Charles A. Nichols, and Edward Y. Austin a committee to open subscriptions for raising funds to be placed at the disposal of said committee, to be expended by them in obtaining and distributing documents promotive of the object we have in view; and they are requested to report at our next Yearly Meeting.

The Committee to audit and settle the accounts of the treasurer, and for other purposes, presented the following Report, viz. :—

TO THE YEARLY MEETING :

The Committee appointed to audit and settle the accounts of the Treasurer, to propose a sum to be raised for the use of this meeting for the ensuing year, and to present the name of a suitable Friend for Treasurer, have attended to their appointment, and submit the following Report, viz. :—

RECEIPTS.

Balance from last year's account, . . .	\$2,587 50
Interest on Eagle Bank stock, . . .	80 00
on City of Boston bonds, . . .	600 00
on note of W. J. Hoppin, . . .	34 30
From Sandwich Quarterly Meeting, . . .	1,800 00
Salem Quarterly Meeting, . . .	1,500 00
Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting, . . .	1,320 00

From Smithfield Quarterly Meeting, . . .	\$240 00	
Dover Quarterly Meeting, . . .	180 00	
Fairfield Quarterly Meeting, . . .	360 00	
Vassalboro' Quarterly Meeting, . . .	360 00	
Falmouth Quarterly Meeting, . . .	240 00	
	<hr/>	\$9,301 80

EXPENDITURES.

Paid travelling expenses of Eastern Friends, . . .	\$628 00	
travelling expenses of Com. on Education,	16 70	
expenses of Yearly Meeting week, . . .	378 35	
expenses of Friends abroad, . . .	2,000 00	
care of meeting house, . . .	185 02	
Com. on Indian affairs, . . .	340 00	
aid of North Carolina Yearly Meeting, . . .	1,000 00	
safe for Yearly Meeting Records, . . .	432 02	
painting of meeting house, . . .	137 35	
printing,	440 87	
interest account,	1,087 81	
Balance to new account,	2,655 68	
	<hr/>	\$9,301 80

We recommend that the sum of five thousand dollars (\$5,000) be raised for the ensuing year, and propose the name of Gideon C. Smith for Treasurer.

For the Committee,

W. A. ROBINSON.

NEWPORT, 6th mo., 15th, 1870.

The Yearly Meeting has received of A. K. Smiley, during the past year, six thousand seven hundred and fifty-nine dollars and ninety-five cents (\$6,759.95), which amount has been used to reduce the school debt. The present indebtedness of the Yearly Meeting, including the school debt, is fourteen thousand four hundred and fifty dollars (\$14,450), which is in a fair way to be mainly liquidated during the coming year.

Which being read and satisfactory, it was accepted and our Quarterly Meetings are requested to pay their respective proportions of the sum to be raised, to the treasurer of this meeting, and Gideon C. Smith is accordingly appointed treasurer for one year.

The Committee on the revision of our discipline presented the following Report, viz :—

TO THE YEARLY MEETING :

The Committee on the revision of the Book of Discipline report : That during the past year considerable progress has been made in the work.

Under the arrangement agreed upon which is substantially the plan of the London work, a brief but comprehensive article upon our Christian belief and doctrines has been written, and the greater portion of the several Essays on Christian Practice has been prepared, and the whole has been assigned to sub-committees.

The plan adopted anticipates however a thorough re-examination of every article and essay, and to carry this out requires still further time before the presentation of a final report.

For the Committee,

CHARLES TABER,

ANN B. EARLE,

Clerks.

NEWFORT, 6 mo, 15th, 1870.

And the Committee are continued and are desired to report at our next Yearly Meeting.

Committee on Discipline.—Joseph Cartland, Nathan Breed of Lynn, Newell Hoxie, Calvin S. Goddard, Richard Battey, Thomas B. Nichols, Stephen Beede, Moses Bailey, Obadiah Chase, Charles B. Cates, Gilbert Congdon, Charles F. Coffin of Lynn, George Bowen, Joseph E. Macomber, William A. Robinson, Thomas Harkness, John Henry Crosman, George Howland, Jr., George Douglas, Edward Earle, William C. Taber, Jacob K. Purinton, Reuben T. Jones, Henry T. Wood, John Page of Weare, Charles R. Tucker, Charles Taber, William A. Brown, John Milton Earle, and Abel F. Collins.

Women's Committee.—Gertrude W. Cartland, Mary Williams, Elizabeth Meader, Cynthia Bowen, Mary E. Breed, Lydia Pope, Hannah B. Sawyer, Mary Alice Brown, Rachel S. Howland, Phebe R. Gifford, Ruth H. Baker, Rebecca C. Grinnell, Eunice J. Rich, Jane C. Minott, Mary C. Hawkes, Esther Jones, Ann B. Earle, Ann K. Colton, Peace Jones, Rachel B. Nichols, Eliza P. Varney, Lois J. Greene, Mary J. Page, Emeline S. Myers, Eliza B. Boyce, Abigail M. Hanson, Lydia Congdon, Gulielma

W. Howland, Abby S. Battey, Sarah Osborne, Emily E. Dudley, Ann Elmira Lang, Lydia P. Fry, Abigail C. Beede, Susan L. Meader, Fanny C. Pinkham, Sophia D. Bailey, Elizabeth C. Wing, and Dorcas F. Tucker.

The Committee on the concern of this Meeting for the improvement of the Passamaquoddy and Penobscot tribes of Indians made the following Report, viz:—

TO THE YEARLY MEETING:

The Committee on the concern of this Meeting for the improvement of the condition of the Penobscot and Passamaquoddy tribes of Indians, report,—that two of our number arranged for a visit to the Penobscot tribe, but the violent equinoctial storms of last autumn so raised the rivers as to make the visit impracticable until the season had become too far advanced.

Schools have been continued among them as heretofore, and from the frequent communication we have had with several of the tribes we believe they are making some improvement in their condition, both as respects the education of their children and their advancement in the arts of civilized life. Some of the younger portion of the Penobscot tribe struggle under discouragement in their endeavor to build houses and improve their manner of living, and the Committee believe that a small donation of money will serve as an encouragement to this class, and that the influence long exerted by Friends for good among them, will be promoted by a little judicious assistance in this way. We therefore recommend that the Yearly Meeting place the sum of \$100 at the disposal of the Committee the present year.

The wandering life of the Indians is still to some extent continued, but we think their character for probity and integrity is improving, and at present they are generally free from the vice of intemperance.

On behalf of the Committee,

STEPHEN JONES,
JOHN D. LANG,
ELI JONES,
GEORGE BOWEN,
HENRY T. WOOD.

NEWPORT, 6th mo. 15th, 1870.

Which is satisfactory, and the Committee are continued and are encouraged to further exertions for the benefit of these Indians for another year. And said Committee are at liberty to draw on the treasurer of this Yearly Meeting for one hundred dol-

lars, should that sum appear necessary, to be expended in their behalf.

Committee.—John D. Lang, Stephen Jones, Joseph Taber, Nathan Douglas, Allen Wing, Caleb Nichols, Samuel Taylor, Eli Jones, Alfred H. Jones, Henry T. Wood, George Richardson, and Joseph Estes.

The Committee to propose to this meeting the names of friends to constitute a Meeting for Sufferings made the following Report, viz. :—

TO THE YEARLY MEETING:

The Committee appointed to name suitable Friends to constitute a Meeting for Sufferings for the ensuing year, have attended to their appointment, and submit the following names, viz. :—

David Buffum, Samuel Boyce, Wm. C. Taber, Thomas Harkness, John D. Lang, Charles R. Tucker, Henry T. Wood, Charles M. Bailey, Edward Earle, Edward W. Howland, Timothy Hanson, Calvin S. Goddard, Charles F. Coffin, George Bowen, Reuben T. Jones, Josiah Holmes, Jr., Perez Peck, Moses Sawyer, David K. Akin, Wm. A. Robinson, Gilbert Congdon, Eli Jones, Stephen Jones, Tobias Meader, Richard Battey, Moses Bailey, Lemuel Jones, Abel C. Munroe, Joseph Cartland, Matthew Howland, Jabez Wood, Newell Hoxie, Newell Ordway, George Howland, Jr., Stephen Chase, Wm. P. Tuttle, Wm. O. Newhall, Timothy B. Hussey, Wm. A. Brown, and Samuel H. Colton.

NEWPORT, 6th mo., 16th, 1870.

Which is accepted, and they are accordingly appointed to constitute a Meeting for Sufferings for one year.

We appoint Benjamin Buffum, Edward W. Howland, William A. Robinson, and David Buffum, a committee, with one or more of whom the Treasurer of the School Fund may consult, in regard to the investment of the same.

Adjourned, to meet again to-morrow morning, at 10½ o'clock.

SIXTH DAY—*Morning, the 17th.*—Met pursuant to adjournment.

The Committee on Correspondence presented essays for epistles to other Yearly Meetings, and also one to Friends in Norway, which being read and approved, the clerk was directed to sign them on behalf of this meeting, and to forward them to those meetings, respectively.

The clerk is directed to sign the following minute for David Hunt, and minutes of a similar tenor for Eli Newlin, Deborah C. Thomas, David H. Bennett, Allen Jay, Caroline E. Talbott, Robert W. Douglas, David J. McMillan, James E. Bailey, Lindley M. Hoag, Jane M. F. Canney, and Eliza H. Varney, viz. :—

Our beloved friend, David Hunt, attended this meeting; his company and religious services have been acceptable to us.

The clerk is also directed to sign the following minute for Robert W. Hodson, and minutes of a similar tenor, for Maria Willetts, Martha S. Stanley, John Newlin, Abby G. Mendenhall, Catharine I. Saylor, Lydia Maria Stanley, and Enos H. Neal, viz. :—

Our beloved friend, Robert W. Hodson, acceptably attended this meeting.

The clerk is directed to have 2,000 copies of the minutes of this Yearly Meeting printed and sent down to our Quarterly Meetings for distribution.

A communication from a Committee of the Bible and Tract Association of Friends, held 6th mo., 15th, was at this time received, requesting that this Yearly Meeting would appoint a committee to consider the propriety of taking the Book and Tract Associations under its care; whereupon we appoint Wm. C. Taber, Gilbert Congdon, Charles Taber, Eli Jones, Joseph H. Atwater, Nathan Breed, Josiah Holmes, Jr., Samuel R. Buffington, Thomas B. Nichols, Timothy B. Hussey, Samuel H. Colton, and Charles A. Nichols, to take the subject into solid consideration, and report their views thereon at our next Yearly Meeting.

Our business being now completed, we would reverently acknowledge the continued mercy of our Heavenly Father, in that he has deigned to be near us from day to day, and cover us with his love, through which we have been enabled to transact the business of the meeting in harmony and condescension. We have been comforted together, and have been made to realize the value of true Gospel fellowship; we separate in love, purposing to meet again on 7th day after the 2d 6th day in the 6th mo., next year, if the Lord permit.

Signed on behalf of the Meeting,

SAMUEL BOYCE, *Clerk.*

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At the Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England, held on Rhode Island, commencing at Newport on 7th day, the 10th of 6 mo., 1871.

By reports received from our several Quarterly Meetings, it appears that the following Friends have been appointed representatives to this meeting, viz. :

From RHODE ISLAND—Perez Peck, Abner Slade, William Sherman, Thomas Harkness, Joseph Cartland, Stephen Chase, George S. Gould, Obadiah Chase, Gideon C. Smith, William A. Robinson, Peter H. Collins, George Anthony, and Philip J. Tripp.

From SALEM—John H. Crosman, Thomas Folsom, William A. Brown, Moses F. Rogers, Josiah D. Challis, William O. Newhall, Stephen Beede, Joshua Buxton, Jr., and Moses Sawyer.

From SANDWICH—Edward G. Dillingham, Isaac R. Gifford, Rufus Sherman, Joseph Grinnell, Joseph S. Tillinghast, Josiah Holmes, Jr., David K. Akin, James B. Congdon, William G. Wing, William P. Macomber, Arnold Gifford, and Samuel Rodman.

From FALMOUTH—Abraham Winslow, Charles Nichols, Oliver Robinson, Lemuel Jones, Franklin Stevens, Cyrus Cartland, Calvin S. Goddard, Stephen Cartland, Nathaniel Hawkes, and George Douglass.

From SMITHFIELD—John Milton Earle, Thomas Grover, Jonathan F. Southwick, Abel C. Munroe, James G. Arnold, Thomas A. Wheeler, and Edward Earle.

From VASSALBORO'—Thomas B. Nichols, John D. Lang, Eli Jones, Stephen Jones, Charles B. Cates, William Taber, Jonathan Estes, Josiah Philbrook, and James Hussey.

From DOVER—Wm. Penn Tuttle, Edward Evans, Timothy B. Hussey, and Jacob K. Purinton.

From FAIRFIELD—Joseph Taylor, Samuel Taylor, Isaac Farr, George Richardson, Henry Winslow, and Joseph Winslow.

On the call of the names, it is found all are present except six; for the absence of four sufficient reasons were given.

We have at this time the acceptable company of our beloved friends Phebe Ann Sands, Hannah S. Fry, and Sarah W. Congdon, from New York Yearly Meeting; James C. Thomas, from Baltimore Yearly Meeting; Jeremiah A. Grinnell, from North Carolina Yearly Meeting; Edith Griffith, Elizabeth L. Comstock, Sarah E. Jenkins, Sarah Gidley, and Edward C. Young, from Ohio Yearly Meeting; John Henry Douglass and Allen Terrell, from Indiana Yearly Meeting; Joel Bean, from Iowa Yearly Meeting; and Adam Spencer, from Canada Yearly Meeting; who have produced testimonials from their respective meetings expressive of unity with them as ministers, and with their prospect of religious engagements amongst us.

We have also at this meeting the acceptable company of our beloved friends William M. Sands, an Elder, companion to his wife, Phebe Ann Sands; Catherine P. Rider, companion to Hannah S. Fry; William Gidley, companion to his wife, Sarah Gidley; Fordyce Grinnell, companion to his father, Jeremiah A. Grinnell; Amos Griffith, an Elder, companion to his wife, Edith Griffith; John T. Comstock, companion to his wife, Elizabeth L. Comstock; George K. Jenkins, companion to his wife, Sarah E. Jenkins; and Elizabeth W. Young, accompanying her husband, Edward C. Young, who have produced certificates from their respective

meetings expressive of unity with them in their present engagements.

Epistles from the Yearly Meetings of New York, Baltimore, North Carolina, Ohio, Indiana, Western, Iowa, Canada and one from friends in Norway, have at this time been received. In the reading thereof our friends of other Yearly Meetings have been brought near to us in the love of the Gospel, and we appoint George Howland, Jr., Edward Earle, William C. Taber, Charles R. Tucker, Charles B. Cates, Henry T. Wood, Jacob K. Purinton, Joseph Cartland, Calvin S. Goddard, Eli Jones, William O. Newhall, Stephen Jones, Lemuel Jones, Samuel R. Buffinton, Benjamin H. Jones, George Richardson, David K. Akin, Alfred H. Jones, Charles M. Bailey, Obadiah Chase, Daniel Swift, Thomas B. Nichols, William A. Brown, Moses Bailey, John Milton Earle, Timothy B. Hussey, Jabez Wood, Richard Battey, William A. Robinson and Josiah Holmes, Jr., to prepare as way may open for it, Essays of Epistles to all the Yearly Meetings with which we correspond and present them at a future meeting.

By the reports from our Quarterly Meetings it appears, That Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting has united with Greenwich Monthly Meeting in acknowledging the gift and approving the public ministry of Gulielma Freeborn and Cynthia J. Earle, and with Swansey Monthly Meeting in acknowledging the gift and approving the public ministry of Susan Ann Gifford. That Mary Williams, an Elder, a member of Rhode Island Monthly Meeting, deceased 3d mo. 11th, 1871, aged 76 years, and that Gilbert Congdon, a minister, a member of Providence Monthly Meeting, deceased 12th mo. 9th, 1870, aged 59 years 8 months and 22 days. Salem Quarterly Meeting informs that they have united with Salem Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Abby W. Pratt, Lydia B. Gove and Mahaleth G. Jones to the station of Elder. That Salem Monthly Meeting has established a meeting for worship in Boston, to be held on First and Fourth-days in the rooms of the Young Men's Christian Association, on Tremont street.

Sandwich Quarterly Meeting informs that Lois B. Gifford,

a minister, a member of Sandwich Monthly Meeting, deceased 1st mo. 8th, 1871, aged 47 years 9 months and 9 days, that Tama Gifford, an Elder, a member of New Bedford Monthly Meeting, died 12th mo. 9th, 1870, aged 77 years and 7 months. Falmouth Quarterly Meeting informs that it has united with Windham Monthly Meeting in appointing Nathan Pope, Esther Nichols, and Juliette Pope, to the station of Elder, also in acknowledging the gift and approving the public ministry of Elijah Cook; with Limington Monthly Meeting in acknowledging the gift and approving the public ministry of Silas H. Cartland; and with Durham Monthly Meeting in acknowledging the gift and approving the public ministry of Freeman Andrews, and in appointing Mary D. Goddard to the station of Elder. That meeting also informs that Lydia Winslow, an Elder, a member of Falmouth Monthly Meeting, died 4th mo. 29th, 1871, aged 77 years 10 months and 23 days. Smithfield Quarterly Meeting reports that it has united with Uxbridge Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Ann K. Colton to the station of Elder. Vassalboro' Quarterly Meeting informs that it has united with China Monthly Meeting in the appointment of John C. Varney and Mary V. Winslow to the station of Elder; that Elisha Jones, a minister, a member of China Monthly Meeting, deceased 2d mo. 10th, 1871, aged 85 years 1 month and 1 day; that Deborah B. Warren, an Elder, a member of Unity Monthly Meeting, died 8th of 11th month, 1870, aged 84 years, and that Mary W. Brown, an Elder, a member of the same meeting, died 5th mo. 9th, 1870, aged 71 years 10 months and 12 days.

Fairfield Quarterly Meeting informs that they have united with Litchfield Monthly Meeting in acknowledging the gift and approving the public ministry of David Douglass.

Communications have at this time been received from the Second Baptist Society through their minister, Charles Howard Malcolm, and from James D. Seabury, their Clerk, and also a communication from the Marlboro' Street Methodist Episcopal Church through D. P. Leavitt, their minister, offering the use of their meeting-houses in this place for Friends to hold meetings for worship to-morrow. This meeting

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gratefully accepts the offer, and we view it as an evidence of the Christian kindness and regard of those Societies; and George Bowen is directed to furnish them with copies of this Minute signed by our Clerk.

We appoint our friends Henry T. Wood, Eli Jones, George Howland, Jr., John H. Crosman, and George Bowen, a committee to make the necessary arrangements as to the times and places of meeting for the several committees appointed on the business of the Yearly Meeting during the sittings thereof.

Adjourned, to meet again this afternoon at 4 o'clock.

Afternoon.—Friends met pursuant to adjournment.

John Milton Earle, on behalf of the Representatives, reports that they have conferred together, and are united in proposing Charles R. Tucker for Clerk, and William O. Newhall for Assistant Clerk; which being approved by the meeting, they are accordingly appointed to those services for one year.

We have at this meeting the acceptable company of our beloved friend Deborah C. Thomas, with a minute of concurrence from Baltimore Monthly Meeting. We have also the acceptable company of Francis T. King, companion to James C. Thomas, with a minute of concurrence from Baltimore Monthly Meeting.

The records of our last Yearly Meeting were read.

We appoint Thomas Harkness, William A. Brown, George Howland, Jr., George Douglass, Richard Battey, Charles B. Cates, Albert C. Buffum, and Moses Bailey, to audit and settle the treasurer's account, and to propose a sum of money sufficient to defray the expenses of the Yearly Meeting for the ensuing year; they are also directed to propose the name of a Friend for treasurer, and report at a future sitting.

We appoint James Dennis, John F. Chase, Matthew Howland, Lemuel Jones, Samuel H. Colton, Josiah Philbrook, Timothy B. Hussey, and Isaac Winslow, to prepare a summary of the Answers to the Queries from our several Quarterly Meetings, and present the same at our next sitting.

Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting proposes that the time of holding their Quarterly Meeting of Ministers and Elders in

the 8th month, be changed from three to two o'clock in the afternoon, which is united with by this meeting.

All our Quarterly Meetings report that they have paid, or ordered to be paid, their respective proportions of stock called for last year.

Adjourned to 10 o'clock on Second-day morning, the 12th inst.

SECOND-DAY—*Morning*.—The meeting convened according to adjournment.

The Representatives present except six; sufficient reasons given for the absence of four.

The meeting now proceeded, as we trust under a solemn covering of good, to the consideration of the state of society, by reading the Queries, and Answers as presented by the several Quarterly Meetings, and having read the first Query with its Answers, adjourned to four o'clock this afternoon.

Afternoon.—Friends met pursuant to adjournment.

The meeting then proceeded in reading the other Queries and Answers.

During the consideration of this important subject, our hearts were closely cemented together in the Saviour's love, — our Master by his presence and in the fulness of his mercy qualifying his servants to speak in his name. We were tenderly and affectionately exhorted to be more faithful in attending all our religious meetings, and were encouraged, when prevented by illness or inclement weather, to call our families together to wait upon him who has promised to be with the two or three gathered in his name; thus an increase of strength will be witnessed, and a growth in his love and grace experienced, which will qualify us to labor availingly in his blessed cause, and our small meetings and the church, we trust, will be built up in his most holy faith, and become instrumental in the Lord's hand to show forth his praise.

The query arose, Is there not something due from this meeting to our small subordinate ones, cannot help be handed forth by Committees or in some other way for their encouragement and growth, whereby Friends may consecrate themselves afresh to the Master's service, and thereby bring forth fruit under his qualifying hand; by speaking to our friends and neighbors of God's goodness

and the richness of his love and grace, inviting them, meeting them kindly with words of sympathy and encouragement, going to their homes, seeking earnestly for a qualification to speak to them in our Saviour's name in relation to the salvation of their immortal souls, even going into the saloons and by-ways, leaving the ninety and nine and seeking for the lost sheep, that he may be gathered into the fold? Our young brothers were encouraged to sow the good seed; to "Sow beside all waters." Instances were brought to view of individual work being largely blessed. We were exhorted to let this be a practical engagement, and in so doing we should manifest to others our unshaken confidence and faith in our blessed Lord.

Tenderly was the subject of sleeping in our meetings referred to, and Friends were encouraged to watch over one another in love with brotherly care, even unto prayer, that, abiding in the living vine, we might overcome our own weakness,—even be permitted largely to enjoy the blessed sense of the Lord's presence when assembled for his worship, and in due season to bring forth much fruit, so shall we be his disciples.

The importance of reading the Holy Scriptures, in order to gain a knowledge of the vital truths contained in them, was largely dwelt upon in language of encouragement, and the necessity of greater faith in our Heavenly Father, and in his written word was set forth in tender love.

The great evil of intemperance is so prevalent in our land, and eight cases of the improper use of spirituous liquors being reported in the answers from our Quarterly Meetings, we were invited to earnestly labor with such, in the spirit of restoring love, and in the name of Jesus, who loves them not less than he loves us.

The injurious effects of the use of tobacco, tending as it does to promote intemperance, was feelingly alluded to by concerned friends, and we were affectionately entreated to discard its use, and labor with all who in their weakness are addicted to that habit.

SUMMARY.

1st. All our meetings for Religious Worship and Discipline have been attended the past year, except forty-seven sessions in our small meetings, which were mostly omitted on account of inclement weather and ill health. Those on First-days by most of our members. Mid-week meetings, and meetings for Discipline, are frequently neglected by a considerable number. The hour is

nearly observed. Generally clear of unbecoming behaviour, except a few instances of sleeping, which are reported in each account. Some care taken.

2d. Love and unity are maintained, with a few exceptions. Friends are generally careful to guard against detraction. A good degree of care appears to have been taken to end differences.

3d. Care is taken by most Friends to train up those under their care in conformity to the query, and they endeavor themselves to set good examples. The practice of frequently reading the Holy Scriptures we believe is observed in Friends' families.

4th. The improper use of spirituous liquors is avoided, excepting in eight cases, as reported. Generally clear as to the other parts of this query, except a few instances of attending places of public resort, inconsistent with our religious profession. Some care has been extended.

5th. The circumstances of the poor are attended to. Friends appear to be careful as respects the other part of this query.

6th. Friends are not all so careful in regard to proceedings with respect to marriage as the Discipline requires. A few cases are reported of marrying out of the order of Society. Some care taken.

7th. We believe Friends are careful to maintain their testimony in the several parts of this query, except in a few instances of contributing to a paid ministry, and two cases of a military nature, and one instance of the appearance of a violation of our testimony in regard to the payment of duties, which are under notice.

8th. Friends are careful in the several parts of this query, with a few exceptions reported by three meetings. Some care taken.

9th. Generally careful as to records. A few removals without certificates are reported, which are mostly under notice.

10th. Care has, we trust, been taken to deal with offenders, as queried after, and to place judgment according to our Discipline, although delay as to timely dealing is reported in some of the answers.

The following communication attached to the epistle from Western Yearly Meeting being read, we appoint David Buffum, Samuel Boyce, William C. Taber, John D. Lang, John Milton Earle, George Howland, Jr., Joseph Cartland, William A. Robinson, Edward Earle, Stephen Jones, Eli Jones, Joseph Taylor, and Abraham Winslow, to unite with a similar committee of women Friends to take the subject under careful consideration, and report their judgment to a future sitting.

This meeting has been introduced into a desire for a more perfect union among the different Yearly Meetings in Europe and America.

There are many departments of Christian Labor of common interest that call for united counsel. Some of these are the education of our youth; the publication of books and tracts, and the general diffusion of knowledge by the press; the civilization and christianization of the Indian tribes, and of missionary work at home and in foreign lands; of the distribution of the Holy Scriptures at home and abroad; the more practical and effectual recognition of the principles of peace by christian professors and by civilized nations; and the determination of such questions as may be of common interest and concern the general welfare.

We apprehend that a General Council, composed of representatives appointed by the several Yearly Meetings would have a harmonizing and uniting effect upon our common society, and render the whole and its parts, more mutually supportive of each other, where conclusions and recommendations shall only be advisory in their nature.

Should this proposition meet with general approval, we would suggest that the first meeting be held in the city of New York, on Second-day after the close of Canada Yearly Meeting, in the year 1872.

We desire that the Divine Will may influence and control our counsels in the determination of this important measure, and that what is done may hasten the work of our common Lord and Saviour, and honor his church in the earth.

The correspondents were directed to forward a copy of the above minute to each of the Yearly Meetings, in connection with their respective epistles.

Acceptable Minutes were read for our Friends Elizabeth R. Haviland of New York, who accompanies our friend Sarah W. Congdon, and a Minute of Membership from Wilmington Monthly Meeting, Ohio, on behalf of John Thorne.

Adjourned to meet at 10 o'clock to-morrow morning in joint session with our women Friends in the men's part of the house.

THIRD-DAY—*Morning the 13th.*—The meeting convened in joint session pursuant to adjournment.

The Committee appointed in 1868 upon the revision of our Book of Discipline, presented the following report, viz. :

The Joint Committee appointed in 1868 to revise the Book of Discipline have given careful attention to the subject which involved much time and labor; a different arrangement of the book having been early agreed upon as desirable.

A statement of the fundamental belief and doctrines of our Society is first introduced, which is followed by Advices on Christian practice, embracing in substance much that has been from time to time issued by this meeting. The rules which have appeared necessary in the administration of the Discipline are then stated. We trust the system proposed is in accordance with the principles which have ever been maintained by our Religious Society, and is founded upon the doctrines and precepts of the New Testament.

An earnest desire has, we believe, been prevalent with the Committee to seek for best help in the performance of this important duty, and the result of our labors is now submitted with the hope that it may prove satisfactory to Friends.

Newport, 6th mo. 10th, 1871.

CHARLES TABER,
HENRY T. WOOD, } Clerks.
ANN B. EARLE,

Read and accepted; and the meeting united in directing that the document presented by the Committee be read through without any comment being made during the reading, which was then commenced and continued until the usual time to adjourn.

Adjourned to the 4th hour this afternoon.

Afternoon.—Friends assembled according to adjournment, and continued the reading of the articles proposed to form the revision of our Book of Discipline.

Adjourned to 9 o'clock tomorrow morning.

FOURTH-DAY — *Morning the 14th.*—The meeting again assembled in joint session.

The reading of the proposed articles to constitute a revised Book of Discipline was finished, and during the time thus occupied we have mercifully witnessed the presence of the great Head of the Church.

The labor and attention given by the Committee to this work, which has been arduous, is duly appreciated by this

meeting; and the Committee expressing the belief that if time was given, some changes might profitably be made, after an interchange of sentiment upon the subject, freely expressed, in much love and brotherly condescension, the meeting united in referring the subject to the same Committee, requesting them to make such changes and alterations as in their judgment may be important to accomplish the concern of this meeting; and then to cause an edition of five hundred copies to be printed in pamphlet form and sent down to our Monthly Meetings for distribution as soon as practicable, in order that all Friends may have an opportunity to examine the work and make any suggestions they may desire to the Committee, which they are encouraged to be prompt in doing. The Committee will present the work to our next Yearly Meeting.

Adjourned, to meet in separate session this afternoon at 4 o'clock.

Afternoon.—Friends assembled according to adjournment.

The Representatives being called, were present except six.

At this sitting the epistle from the Yearly Meeting of Friends in Ireland held in Dublin, of the present year, was received and read, which brought our dear friends of that Yearly Meeting very near to us in Christian fellowship. Their loving words and earnest appeals for the advancement of the kingdom of our Lord are encouraging to us. They endorsed a printed copy of a minute adopted by their meeting on the subject of peace, which was read and directed to be appended to our printed minutes.

The report of the Committee having charge of our Boarding School was received and read, and being satisfactory to the meeting it was approved, and is as follows, viz. :

TO THE YEARLY MEETING :

The Committee in charge of the Boarding School at Providence report that they have given attention to the duties assigned them, and can state that the school has prospered during the past year in no ordinary degree. Entire harmony and cooperation in efforts to promote the best interests of the pupils and of the establishment

have prevailed among the officers ; discipline has been well maintained, and the deportment of the scholars and progress in their studies have been satisfactory.

Although they can acknowledge with thankfulness that a good degree of health has prevailed during the year, yet one case of severe illness occurred during the Fall term which resulted fatally. It was thus reported by the Principal: "John Clapp Hussey, son of the late George F. Hussey, of Peekskill, N. Y., died on the 29th of 11th month, 1870, from ulceration of the bowels. His end was peaceful, and he gave full evidence that he was accepted and his sins forgiven. Much sympathy was felt with the stricken widowed mother, who in the keenness of her anguish could yet say, 'He doeth all things well.'"

In a Minute made at a subsequent meeting, the Committee add, "While we sympathize with the bereaved mother, we can also rejoice that another loved one has been added to the redeemed in heaven."

The number of pupils during the Autumn term was one hundred seventy-nine, viz.: one hundred nine boys, and seventy girls. Spring term, one hundred eighty, viz.: one hundred nine boys, and seventy-one girls.

The officers of the school during the past year have been: Albert K. Smiley, principal; Rebecca H. Smiley, principal of the female department; John F. Rowell, Thomas J. Battey, Bessie T. Wing, Martha G. Read, and Mary Amy Collins, teachers of English branches; Daniel C. Maxfield, teacher of mathematics; Charles H. Gales, teacher of French; Catharine H. Austin, teacher of drawing and painting. Henry Wood was employed as teacher of Latin, Greek and German during the first half year, but was under the necessity of leaving on account of ill health. During the second half year the following additional teachers have been employed, viz.: Alonzo Williams, teacher of Latin; Karl Ernst, teacher of German; and John H. Burnham, teacher of Greek.

The pupils and family continue to attend the meetings for worship held in Providence on First-day forenoons, and in the middle of the week. On First-day afternoons scripture lessons are given to the whole school. Portions of scripture are daily read to the assembled school in each department, at the breakfast table, and also at the evening collections.

Owing to the necessity of presenting a statement of the finances of the school before the end of the term, the account rendered to the Yearly Meeting is necessarily imperfect, and we have now to

report that the net earnings of the school made up to the end of the school year, 6 mo. 28, 1870, as ascertained by the Auditing Committee, was \$6,347.55, reducing the school debt at that time to \$4,520.71.

The estimated earnings of the school to the end of the present term, as now reported to us, will exceed its expenses, including interest paid and necessary annual repairs, by the sum of	\$5,215.00
Less paid cost of apparatus for extinguishing fires, . . .	\$514.14
Less paid for gravel walk in front of school buildings, . .	329.20
	<u>843.34</u>
Balance of earnings less improvements,	\$4,371.66
School debt 6 mo., 1870,	4,520.71
	<u>\$149.05</u>
School debt 6 mo., 1871,	

The Auditing Committee have also presented a statement of the receipts and disbursements of the School Fund and of the Charitable Fund, including the E. Metcalf and other donations, which are as follows :

SCHOOL FUND.

Balance in hand of Treasurer 5th mo. 30, 1870,	\$19.87
Income of the fund,	7,069.27
Insurance premium returned,	165.60
	<u>\$7,254.74</u>

PAYMENTS.

Insurance premium paid,	\$301.25
B. N. & S. S. Lapham, fees in the case of Lloyd street lay out,	60.00
Paid William A. Robinson, copy of deeds,	3.60
Paid A. K. Smiley, per receipts,	6,872.83
Balance in hands of Treasurer,	17.06
	<u>7,254.74</u>

CHARITABLE FUNDS, AND E. METCALF AND OTHER DONATIONS.

Balance in hands of Treasurer 5 mo. 30, 1870,	\$960.87
Income of the funds,	2,528.86
	<u>\$3,489.73</u>
Paid school bills,	\$2,280.00
Balance on hand,	1,209.73
	<u>3,489.73</u>

The income from the above fund will probably warrant the admission of twenty scholars the ensuing year.

Approximate statement of the receipts and expenditures of the boarding school for the year ending 6 mo. 25th, 1870 :

RECEIPTS.

Tuition Autumn term,	\$18,500.00
Tuition Spring term,	18,780.00
From the fund, deducting insurance,	6,831.45
	<hr/> \$44,111.45

EXPENDITURES.

Salaries,	\$16,072.05
Wages,	3,954.00
Provisions,	10,707.16
Repairs,	3,258.45
Fuel \$2,061.34, light \$907.68,	2,969.02
Library,	180.13
Incidentals,	663.09
Profits,	6,347.55
	<hr/> \$44,151.45

The apartments allotted to the girls having been so materially and satisfactorily improved the attention of the Committee has been turned to the great necessity of similar alterations for the better accommodation of the boys. Their sleeping apartments are now insufficient and badly arranged for their comfort and for the convenience of those who have the care of them. Many of the rooms are unsuitable and all are wanting in many of the appliances that are considered necessary in similar establishments.

A larger and better ventilated school-room for the boys is much wanted, and may be set down as essential to the welfare of teachers and pupils. The present room will not seat all the boys now in attendance. Additional class-rooms are also needed.

The three dining rooms used by the scholars are crowded and increased room for this purpose would add largely to the comfort of the pupils and family. Additional and more suitable rooms ought to be supplied for the domestics and workmen on the premises.

To effect these objects we would recommend that the Committee that may be appointed to have the charge of the school the ensuing year be authorized, when the necessary funds can be obtained, to make such improvements as are actually needed by an addition to the present building and such alterations in the present arrangements as in their judgment will promote the welfare and best interests of the Institution.

Since our last report a street has been laid out by the city authorities of Providence through the North-west part of the school

premises on land purchased of the heirs of Thomas Halsey, occupying about 45,000 square feet, for which an award has been made to the Yearly Meeting of \$3,000.00; and the Committee have been informed that the Water Commissioners of Providence are desirous of obtaining a triangular piece of land cut off from the school farm by the street above mentioned, containing 70,931 square feet, (about 1½ acres.) Owing to its shape and situation between two streets this lot would be expensive to enclose and inconvenient to cultivate, and the Committee therefore suggest the propriety of disposing of it and applying the proceeds for the benefit of the Institution, believing that by so doing the best interest of the school with respect to the present generation of scholars will be materially promoted as well as the welfare of all connected with the establishment.

It is proposed that the charge for board and tuition the ensuing school year of forty weeks be as follows:

For members of our Yearly Meeting,	\$100.00
For members of other Yearly Meetings or where one or both parents are members of our religious society, or for scholars sent at the expense of such,	190.00
For all others who may be admitted,	300.00

An additional charge of ten dollars to be made for one year's instruction in Latin, French, German, or Drawing. One half payable at the commencement of the year and one half at the opening after recess.

On behalf and by direction of the Committee,

WM. C. TABER, Clerk.

NOTE. The first half year begins 9 mo. 6, 1871; closes 1 mo. 24, 1872.
The Winter recess begins 1 mo. 24, 1872; closes 2 mo. 7, 1872,
The second half year begins 2 mo. 7, 1872; closes 6 mo. 26, 1872.

Regulations of the School Committee.—Pupils may be withdrawn at the close of the half year only when application is made therefor at the time of entering. The Committee earnestly desire that the number of those who are withdrawn at the close of the first half year may be as small as possible, as in the arrangement of classes and studies reference is made primarily to those who remain through the year, constituting as they do, a large majority of the school, and it will therefore happen that those who remain but half the term will receive much less than a proportional share of advantage.

Application for admission to the school should be made seasonably for the meeting of the Committee on the first of eighth month next. Those who are members of our Yearly Meeting will have precedence of all others to that date, after which applications will be considered in the order in which they are received. Those who desire the benefit of the charitable funds or of the Ebenezer Metcalf donation should apply at the time above specified. And in all cases information is expected of the age, moral habits, and literary acquirements of the applicants.

Applications for admission should be made to the Principal. Address, Albert K. Smiley, Principal, Friends Boarding School, Providence, R. I.

And the committee appointed last year, with the exception of our late dear friend Gilbert Congdon, deceased, and with the addition of Edward W. Howland, are appointed in connection with a committee of women Friends to have the charge and oversight of that institution for the year ensuing, and they are encouraged to labor for the advancement of the objects for which it was established. And the said committee are empowered and authorized to make such additions to and alterations and improvements in the school buildings as in their judgment will best promote the usefulness of that school, as suggested in the above report; and they are also authorized to contract with the city of Providence, or with any other party, for the sale of about one and five-eighths acres of land separated from the school premises by the recent extension and laying out of Thayer street, it being a portion of the land purchased by this Yearly Meeting of the heirs of the late Thomas L. Halsey; and Gideon C. Smith, Treasurer of New England Yearly Meeting, or his successor in that office, is hereby authorized and directed to make and execute a good and sufficient deed of conveyance, and to sign the same on behalf of our said Yearly Meeting, adopting his seal as the seal of this meeting, when the said school committee shall, in writing, request him so to convey said land, at one of the meetings of said school committee, signed by their clerk. And the said school committee are cautioned against making a large outlay before the funds are provided to meet the expenses incurred.

Thomas Harkness is reappointed treasurer of the school fund for one year.

Committee.—David Buffum, William C. Taber, Charles W. Weber, Edward Earle, Thomas B. Nichols, William P. Tuttle, William A. Robinson, Gideon C. Smith, Moses Bailey, Samuel Boyce, Charles R. Tucker, Charles F. Coffin of Lynn, Richard Battey, George Howland, Jr., Charles Taber, and Edward W. Howland.

Women's Committee.—Sarah F. Tobey, Eliza B. Boyce, Mary C. Hawkes, Anna K. Colton, Rachel B. Nichols, Eliza P. Varney, Gertrude W. Cartland, Dorcas B. Robinson, Ann B. Earle, Rebecca C. Grinnell, Dorcas F. Tucker, Anna T. Dennis, Gulielma W. Howland, Phebe R. Gifford, Sophia D. Bailey, and Gulielma Freeborn.

The Committee appointed last year to consider the propriety of taking the work of the Bible and Tract Association under the care of this Yearly Meeting, submitted the following Report, viz. :

TO THE YEARLY MEETING :

The Committee to consider the propriety of taking the Bible and Tract Association under the care of this Yearly Meeting report :

That they have considered the subject. The Committee are impressed with the usefulness of these Associations under their present organization.

They commend them to the cordial support and sympathy of Friends, but they are united in proposing that no change be made at the present time.

On behalf of the Committee.

WM. C. TABER.

New Bedford, 6 mo. 14, 1871.

Which being read was considered and accepted; and this work being one of great importance, our members are encouraged to improve every right opening for its advancement.

The joint Committee appointed on the 12th instant to whom was referred the proposition from Western Yearly Meeting for all the Yearly Meetings to meet in joint session by their

Representatives in New York in 1872, reported as follows, viz. :

TO THE YEARLY MEETING :

The Committee to which was referred the proposition from Western Yearly Meeting have considered the subject, and report :

That they are united in recommending to the Yearly Meeting to concur in the proposition from that meeting for a conference provided the Yearly Meetings with which we correspond unite therein, and that the further consideration of the subject be referred to our next Yearly Meeting.

For the Committee.

GEO. HOWLAND, JUN.

Newport, 6 mo. 13, 1871.

which is adopted by us.

Adjourned to three o'clock tomorrow afternoon.

Afternoon.—Friends again assembled.

The Representatives being called they were present except six.

The records of the Meeting for Sufferings for the past year were now read, and the attention given by that meeting to the various concerns which have come before them is satisfactory to us, and their doings are approved by this meeting. The friends who composed that meeting the past year—with the exception of Gilbert Congdon deceased—are appointed to constitute a Meeting for Sufferings for the ensuing year, to act in our behalf, on such matters as may claim their attention, according to our discipline, viz. :

David Buffum, Samuel Boyce, Wm. C. Taber, Thomas Harkness, John D. Lang, Charles R. Tucker, Henry T. Wood, Charles M. Bailey, Edward Earle, Edward W. Howland, Timothy Hanson, Calvin S. Goddard, Charles F. Coffin, George Bowen, Reuben T. Jones, Josiah Holmes, Jr., Perez Peck, Moses Sawyer, David K. Akin, Wm. A. Robinson, Eli Jones, Stephen Jones, Tobias Meader, Richard Battay, Moses Bailey, Lemuel Jones, Abel C. Munroe, Joseph Cartland, Matthew Howland, Jabez Wood, Newell Hoxie,

Newell Ordway, George Howland, Jr., Stephen Chase, Wm. P. Tuttle, Wm. O. Newhall, Timothy B. Hussey, Wm. A. Brown, and Samuel H. Colton.

We have received at this time an acceptable Epistle from London Yearly Meeting dated last month, during the reading of which our hearts were renewedly refreshed in believing that we and they are brethren of the same household of faith. We refer the same to the Committee on correspondence.

The Committee having charge of the concern of this meeting for the freed people of color presented their Seventh Annual Report, viz. :

TO THE YEARLY MEETING :

The Committee under appointment to promote efforts for the relief and improvement of the freed people of color, present their Seventh Annual Report :

The School at Washington was re-opened on the fifth day of the ninth month, 1870, under the care of our esteemed friends, John C. and Hannah Gove as Superintendents, and Hannah S. Macomber as Principal, assisted by Mary E. Jenkins, Elizabeth P. Nichols, Abby G. Phillips, Jessie Girdwood, Susan Pierce and Sarah E. Wall. We take pleasure in bearing our testimony to the faithful labors of these, our Superintendents and Teachers. They have all felt that there was a work for each to do, for the present and future good of those entrusted to their care, and have unitedly and conscientiously endeavored to perform it.

John C. and Hannah Gove remained at Washington during the Summer, and their excellent care kept the Mission premises in such good order that the school could be commenced punctually, and the work of organization accomplished with very little trouble. In this respect our school proved to be quite in advance of the others. The school opened with 165 scholars, and increased to 215 on the third day. The whole number of scholars was 369, between the ages of six and sixteen. Average daily attendance in one room 97 per cent, and in neither room did it fall below 90 per cent. The Trustees of colored schools have furnished three of our school-rooms with new seats and desks.

As the Mission has continued its labors from year to year, the character of the work has materially changed ; though its object remains the same—the education of the freed-people. At the com-

mencement, they had just come up out of slavery—hungry, naked and ignorant. They had nothing, and knew not how to obtain anything. Having always depended on others, they were almost entirely ignorant of their duties as free men and women. First, they were clothed and fed; then instructed in sewing and other industrial pursuits. They put up for themselves little huts, collected a few articles of furniture, and thus began a new life. How well they have succeeded, how rapidly improved, is an oft-told story well known to us all. The school, which has been the principal object of our labors during the last four years, has shown marked progress. The children have indeed shown that they are capable of learning. But while they have improved physically, intellectually and morally, they have been surrounded by the sins and evils incident to city life, into which, in their ignorance and simplicity, they were easily led. Then, too, some of them are beginning to feel self-satisfied; they compare themselves with their parents and associates, and think they are very learned. To restrain and guide in the one case, to correct and incite to higher and better attainments in the other, has been the care of our superintendents and teachers.

Our pupils are many of them from the lowest and most destitute families, and generally from our immediate neighborhood, although six boys and three girls come from a distance of three miles. These are among our most orderly and industrious scholars; one of them came to the school one Winter's morning, when the snow was a foot deep and still falling thickly. Some, however, are from good families; their parents preferred putting them under our care, and we gladly accepted them; one we propose to educate for a teacher in the Normal Department of Howard University. The two young women already at the University, assisted from our Normal fund, are giving entire satisfaction to their teacher. The older sister will be able to graduate in the Sixth month; the younger will require one year more. In a letter received from one of these girls, she expresses the humble and grateful thanks of her father, sister and herself, to the friends who have so kindly assisted them.

Our First-day school has continued about the same in number as last year, with the continued kind assistance of young men connected with the Treasury department, and others. We have an interesting school, and trust that the seed has fallen on good ground, and will bring forth fruit. Our library has been increased through the efforts of Hannah S. Macomber, our principal, to two hundred volumes, which are loaned to the scholars, who read and return them quite promptly, and we have been well supplied with papers,

having, through the solicitation of Abbie Phillips, received 100 copies of the Temperance Banner monthly, 20 copies of the Well Spring weekly, and 1000 copies of the Child's Paper (back numbers.) We have also received 50 Bibles and 100 Testaments from the American Bible Society, New York, through Augustus Taber, and 48 Testaments, with a bundle of Tracts from New England Friends' Tract Society.

Our annual festival, about the beginning of the new year, was an occasion of interest, the parents and friends of the pupils were invited, and there were many present. Appropriate exercises, and exchanging of presents, made the time pass pleasantly. For the purchase of these gifts, about seventy-five dollars were contributed by Friends of New Bedford, and other contributions were sent from Providence and Worcester. General Howard, and our dear friend Caroline E. Talbott were present, and spoke words of counsel and encouragement which will not be forgotten.

Our friend Sarah E. Wall, of Worcester, remained in Washington during the Summer of 1870; an important part of her work has been to look after the sick and aged, to give words of advice and encouragement to all. She had a class of girls who came to her room for three or four hours at a time, learning to cut and fit garments, and they made great proficiency. The sewing school under her care commenced soon after the opening of the school in the Ninth month, and was kept up nearly every day in the different rooms. It was as successful as could be expected under the circumstances, as only one hour was occupied each day, and that after six hours spent in the school-room. The interest of the younger ones was stimulated by offering as prizes some boxes sent from Salem, each containing implements for sewing. The two smallest girls in the school were the first to deserve them, by their constant attendance and neat sewing. This plan has proved successful, and they have generally been diligent and interested in learning. Each girl has received something in proportion to the value of her work as a present, not as pay. About a hundred garments have been made, including dresses. The children from the best families have appreciated the privilege of this school the most highly.

The people around our mission do not seem to be quite as destitute as in former years; more than a hundred dollars worth of clothing has, however, been distributed in payment for sewing during the last year, and between fifty and seventy-five dollars worth of clothing and money for other work. The clothing which has been given gratuitously amounts to about one hundred and fifty dollars. Through the continued liberality of friends, we have been

enabled to add very much to the comfort of the sick and poor during the cold season. The following donations of clothing have been received with great thankfulness in their behalf: One barrel from Weare, N. H.; two barrels from Lynn, Mass.; one barrel from Salem, Mass.; two barrels from Acushnet, Mass.; one barrel from Holliston, Mass.; one barrel and package, and one case of shoes from Worcester, Mass., through Ann B. Earle; one large and valuable box of new clothing from members of the West Boston Society and Boston Sewing Circle, probable value one hundred dollars.

A. E. Newton, Superintendent of Public Schools, under date of 5 mo. 27th, writes: "I have just completed a careful examination of the schools maintained by the New England Friends in this city, for the purpose of ascertaining the scholarship of the pupils and their readiness for promotion, and I take great pleasure in stating to you, and through you to those interested in supporting these schools, that I have found them in a very gratifying condition. Abundant evidence was afforded in each school of laborious, faithful and skillful effort on the part of the teachers, and commendable progress on the part of the pupils in general. I feel that the community owes to your body a great debt of gratitude for the long continued and efficient educational aid you have rendered."

Our Principal writes thus in conclusion: "And now, thanking you in the name and by the request of parents and children for whom you have done so much, I will only add, that words cannot express the great benefit that this mission has been to this people."

By the financial statement of our affairs herewith submitted, it will be observed that the expense of sustaining the Mission during the year has been about four thousand dollars. Our indebtedness at the close of the school year will be \$1700.

Our efforts for the improvement of this people have been blessed in the past, and an urgent necessity still exists for labor in their behalf. On the other hand the want of adaptation of our buildings in Washington for the purposes of the schools, and the strong claims of less favored localities in the South, have been urged as inducements to change our plan and basis of operations. We are not prepared, however, to propose a discontinuance of the Mission at present, but would recommend that the subject be left at the discretion of the committee, who may be entrusted with this concern for another year.

On behalf of the committee.

NEWPORT, 6th mo. 13, 1871.

EDW. W. HOWLAND,
ANN B. EARLE.

NEW ENGLAND FRIENDS' FREEDMEN'S MISSION

IN ACCOUNT WITH EDWARD W. HOWLAND.

1871.

6 mo.	Amount paid Superintendent and Teachers,	\$1,950.13
	Amount paid for Repairs,	99.07
	Amount paid Family Expenses,	1,691.11
	Amount paid Insurance,	25.00
	Amount paid for Books,	25.70
	Amount balance on hand this day,	357.63
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		\$4,148.64

CREDITS.

By Cash remaining 6 mo. 1, 1870,	\$399.39
By amount received from Tenants,	1,087.01
By amount received for Board,	193.95
By amount received for Milk sold,	39.09
By amount of E. W. Howland,	2,396.20
By amount from Colored Trustees for Books,	33.00
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	\$4,148.64

Newport, 6 mo. 13, 1871.

[Signed] EDWARD W. HOWLAND.

NOTE.—Of the sum of \$2,500 hired during the year, about \$1,500 have been expended, leaving \$1,000 cash on hand.

Which being read is satisfactory to us. The care, attention and labor bestowed by them to forward this benevolent object is very grateful to the feelings of this meeting, and we believe the work has been blessed by our Divine Master for the improvement of that much injured and neglected people.

The Committee now under appointment are continued for that service, and are desired to unite with women Friends in extending their care over the Mission for another year.

Committee.—Edward W. Howland, Benjamin Buffum, William C. Taber, Samuel Boyce, Edward Earle, John G. Whittier, Joseph Cartland, Charles B. Cates, Joseph Grinnell, Timothy B. Hussey, Charles F. Coffin, Henry T. Wood, Thomas E. Steere, Moses Sawyer, and William A. Brown.

Women's Committee.—Ann B. Earle, Gulielma W. Howland, Ellen R. Buffum, Gertrude W. Cartland, Eliza B. Boyce, Rebecca C. Grinnell, Anna G. Wood, Susan Taber, Ann Maria Coffin, Ruth B. Gifford, Elizabeth H. Newhall, Mercy Osborne, and Margaret B. Cates.

A testimony from Providence Monthly Meeting indorsed by Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting concerning our beloved friend Moses H. Beede, deceased, and also one from Sidney Monthly Meeting on behalf of our dear friend Samuel Taylor, deceased, were received and read.

The truths recorded respecting the lives and the Christian experience of these devoted servants in the cause of their Divine Master brought them sweetly to our remembrance. These documents being approved are ordered to be recorded.

Being informed by Indiana Yearly Meeting that it is proposed to establish a new Yearly Meeting in Kansas to be called Kansas Yearly Meeting, to be opened in the year 1872, provided it is united with by the other Yearly Meetings, after a time of solid deliberation upon the subject, it being one of great weight and responsibility, this meeting fully united with the proposition.

This meeting was brought under a deep exercise of spirit on being informed of the recent death of that eminent servant of the Lord, Benjamin Seeborn of London Yearly Meeting. It may be truly said that he was an ambassador for Christ. Lively testimonies were borne by many friends to his worth and his labors in the gospel. He labored extensively in our land.

Adjourned to the 10th hour tomorrow morning.

SIXTH-DAY — *Morning the 16th.*—Friends met pursuant to adjournment.

Representatives present except fifteen. Reasons given for the absence of eight.

A testimony from New Bedford Monthly Meeting indorsed by Sandwich Quarterly Meeting concerning our dear friend Rhoda H. Taber, deceased, was received, and, being read, the memory of that valued friend was brought impressively and sweetly to our minds. The testimony being approved is directed to be recorded.

The Committee on the very important subject of Education made the following report, viz. :

TO THE YEARLY MEETING :

The Committee on Education, in presenting their report, do so believing that there is no subject that claims the attention of the Yearly Meeting of greater importance than that of the proper education of our children. And it is cause of regret, with many, that a subject of such vital interest to us all should receive so little attention during our annual meeting. The Committee, however, entertain the hope that the time is not far distant, when at least one session of the Yearly Meeting will be assigned to the consideration of this important subject.

The usual statistical information furnished by our correspondents is as follows :

The whole number of children belonging to the Yearly Meeting between the ages of five and twenty-one years,	803
The number of Monthly Meeting schools,	1
The number of family schools,	3
The number of children who have attended school the past year, . .	697
The number who have attended school taught by Friends, or under their control,	207
The number obtaining education at academies and colleges not under the care of Friends,	52
The number of members engaged in teaching,	113
The number of First-Day schools under the care of Friends,	59
The average time of holding said schools,	7 mos.
The whole number attending the same,	2980
The average number,	1543
The number of our members attending,	1143
The number over twenty-one years of age,	925
The number of Friends over twenty-one years of age,	723
The number of Teachers,	250
The number of Bible-classes not connected with said schools, . . .	11
The average time	9 mos.
The whole number belonging to the same,	229
Average number,	135
The number of Friends belonging to such,	129
The number of Particular Meetings without school or Bible-class, .	23
The number of births during the year,	25
The number admitted by request,	53
The number added by certificate,	4
The number removed by certificate,	39
The number disowned or released,	18
The number deceased,	72
Whole number belonging to the Yearly Meeting,	4,403

It appears by the above statistics that only about thirty-four per cent of the whole number of children attending school in the Yearly

Meeting, between the ages of five and twenty-one years, are receiving instruction in what may be termed select schools, or schools under the care of Friends. And when we remember that the boarding school at Providence, as well as Oak Grove Seminary at Vassalboro', are made up largely of pupils who have little or no sympathy with our peculiar views, the question naturally suggests itself, whether these schools are answering fully the purpose for which they were originally intended.

But all should remember, that we are living in an age of progress, and that our city, and even our country schools in New England, are, generally speaking, of a high order; and that many Friends prefer, when they can do so, to educate their children under their own supervision, and at the same time thus greatly add to the endearments of home. So that the simple fact that the schools alluded to are patronized largely, at the present time, by persons who are not members of our religious society, is no indication that Friends generally are less anxious than at any former period to give their children what is termed a guarded education. Nor should this fact, in the judgment of the committee, lessen at all our interest in the institutions named, for we should ever remember that we are not living for ourselves alone, but if as a people we have received new light, or been commissioned to proclaim to the world certain truths not fully recognized by others, it is clearly our duty to put our light upon a candle-stick, and not under a bushel.

We should therefore value these schools, not merely for what they are doing for our own society, but for the influence they are exerting upon those around us, in moulding public sentiment in favor of those principles so near and dear to us as a people. And in order that these schools, and others under our supervision, may accomplish the greatest amount of good possible, great care should be taken in the selection of teachers, not only to obtain those that are fully competent, but such as are thoroughly imbued with our religious principles, and whose hearts are warmed from day to day by the love of our Saviour, and thus fitted for educators in the highest sense of the term.

The number of First-day schools reported for scriptural instruction is less than last year, and even some of these, especially in the country, are laboring under many discouragements. The committee sympathize deeply with Friends thus circumstanced, and would encourage all, whether older or younger, to participate in these schools, and thus strengthen each other in the pursuit of that wisdom which can alone make wise unto salvation. And all connected with such schools should strive to make them as interesting

and attractive as possible, for it is evident that they are an indispensable auxiliary to the church, and no society can expect to flourish that neglects this important service. Nor should we by any means limit our efforts in this direction to the members of our own society, but strive to gather in all, whether high or low, rich or poor, that they may share with us this priceless blessing.

But while we recognize the importance of keeping up these schools for scriptural instruction, we would also urge upon the attention of Friends the duty of maintaining that *home culture* so essential to the highest interest of our children. And since our homes are not directly a gift to us from our Father in heaven, but are very much what we make them, therefore the importance of forming correct views respecting our duties and obligations in this respect, at the very outset of home life; for as loved ones from time to time are added to the family circle, the necessity for concert of action on the part of parents becomes more and more apparent.

In order to secure this, there must not only be freedom of expression, but a willingness on the part of each, to make concessions; for self-denial must be practised daily in every happy home.

Another important feature in the well regulated family, is the fullest sympathy on the part of parents, with their children; for this naturally begets their confidence, and encourages the young to go to their parents with their temptations and trials, instead of seeking as is too often the case, counsel and encouragement elsewhere.

And since it not unfrequently happens, that in the same family there is great diversity of taste and character, there should be great care taken on the part of parents, to study carefully the nature of each, in order to supply the wants of all.

To do this requires much time and patience, but herein lies the secret of success; especially in home government, or in other words educating children to *govern themselves*, for any other kind of discipline loses its force when the child passes beyond the restraints of home.

One of the chief obstacles in the way of home education, is this want of time. Parents are so much occupied with business and domestic cares, that the instruction of the children is not unfrequently almost wholly neglected. And this is not only the case during six days of the week, but even the Sabbath, especially in our cities, is so much occupied that parents find very little time to mingle with their children, in the study of the Bible, or the strengthening of those social relations so essential to the welfare of their offspring.

The Committee would therefore earnestly impress upon such as occupy the responsible relation of parents the importance of this subject.

In conclusion, while we realize how little has been effected by our efforts, we think Friends generally, should be encouraged by what has been accomplished, and press onward in the good work in which we are engaged with the assurance that the Lord will not only aid us, but bless our efforts.

For the Committee.

J. H. CROSMAN, Clerk.

Newport, 6 mo. 15, 1871.

This report being read and approved, was accepted; and the information contained therein was interesting and edifying to this meeting. The Committee are re-appointed to unite with a similar Committee of women Friends; and they are encouraged to labor for the advancement of the education of our youth; and we exhort all our friends to cooperate with them in the promotion of this work, which has ever been a living concern with friends of this Yearly Meeting.

The Committee are authorized to draw from our treasury one hundred dollars to be distributed among such First-day schools as appear to be in need of assistance.

Committee.—Joseph E. Macomber, Charles W. Earle, Samuel R. Buffinton, Samuel Austin, Abel F. Collins, John H. Crosman, William F. Vining, John Page, Prince G. Moore, Nathan T. Shepherd, Isaac R. Potter, William P. Macomber, Charles Taber, John Cartland, Charles Goddard, Silas H. Cartland, Calvin S. Goddard, Abel C. Munroe, James G. Arnold, Greely Dow, Thomas B. Nichols, Caleb Jones, Clement R. Jones, Albert C. Hill, Samuel Buffum, Levi Jones, Benjamin G. Shepherd, Isaac Winslow, and Russell Hoag.

Women's Committee.—Cynthia J. Earle, Anna Gould, Ellen K. Buffum, Phebe S. Gifford, Anna B. Smith, Anna M. Gove, Mary B. Breed, Charity G. Dillingham, Susan Taber, Ruth Ann Shepherd, Hetty S. Potter, Elizabeth Ann Slade, Esther Jones, Eunice D. Cartland, Mary C. Hawkes, Lydia M. Pope, Abigail Wheeler, Lydia G. Dow, Maria Aldrich,

Margaret B. Cates, Narcissa Jacobs, Almira S. Hanson, Lydia E. Sawyer, Hannah W. Meader, Lavina M. Briggs, Zilpha J. Shepherd, Sarah V. Winslow, Cynthia J. Bowen, and Abigail Gould.

Essays of Epistles addressed to the Yearly Meetings of New York, North Carolina and Iowa, were read and approved.

By accounts from the several Quarterly Meetings it appears that the number of ministers and elders in each Quarter is as follows :

In Rhode Island Quarter,	13	Ministers,	33	Elders.
In Salem	“	14	“	29
In Sandwich,	“	19	“	37
In Falmouth,	“	13	“	26
In Smithfield,	“	4	“	19
In Vassalboro’,	“	17	“	41
In Dover,	“	7	“	16
In Fairfield,	“	8	“	16
Whole number,		95	217	

The following Minute on behalf of our dear friend Isaac Robson of London Yearly Meeting was read and approved, viz. :

TO THE MONTHLY MEETING OF BRIGHOUSE, THE QUARTERLY MEETING OF YORKSHIRE, AND THE YEARLY MEETING OF MINISTERS AND ELDERS OF LONDON YEARLY MEETING :

DEAR FRIENDS :

Our beloved friend, Isaac Robson, attended our last Yearly Meeting and presented satisfactory certificates from your several meetings which were read. Since that time he has attended some meetings within our limits, and we believe it right to state that his gospel labors were truly acceptable and edifying to us, evincing that he was prayerfully engaged to abide under that anointing which qualifies the messengers of the Lord to proclaim the unsearchable riches of Christ.

We desire for him the continued presence of the heavenly Shepherd to preserve and direct him, and that he may be favored with that blessed peace which is the reward of those who are engaged to follow the Lamb whithersoever he may lead them.

The Committee appointed to audit and settle the treasurer's account presented the following Report :

TO NEW ENGLAND YEARLY MEETING :

The committee appointed to examine and settle the accounts of the Treasurer of this meeting, to determine the amount to be raised the ensuing year, and to propose the name of a suitable friend for Treasurer, have attended to their appointment and report as follows :

RECEIPTS.

Balance from last year's account,	\$2,655.68
Received from A. K. Smiley,	6,071.18
Received from Treasurers of quarterly meetings,	5,000.00
Received from interest on city of Boston bonds,	600.00
Received from interest on note of W. J. Hoppin,	34.30
Received from interest on Eagle Bank stock,	100.00
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	\$14,461.16

EXPENDITURES.

Travelling expenses of Eastern friends,	\$944.00
Rent of room in Boston and of safe,	259.75
Paid for printing,	538.20
Paid for expenses during Yearly Meeting week,	609.31
Paid for expenses of travelling Friends from abroad,	64.42
Paid C. F. Coffin, Treasurer of Indian Affairs,	850.00
Paid Thomas Harkness and others notes of Yearly Meeting,	7,450.00
Paid interest,	917.58
Paid for recording minutes of Yearly Meeting,	43.50
Paid for insurance,	8.40
Paid for examination of records of Boston meeting-house,	35.00
Balance in hands of the Treasurer,	2,741.00
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	\$14,461.16

We find the accounts correctly kept and all expenditures properly vouched.

We are united in proposing that the sum of five thousand dollars be raised for the use of the meeting the ensuing year.

Our friend Gideon C. Smith, who has so acceptably served the meeting for the past three years, desires to be released, we therefore propose the name of George Howland, Jr., for Treasurer for the ensuing year.

The present indebtedness of the meeting, by note, is seven thousand dollars.

For the Committee.

THOMAS HARKNESS.

WM. A. BROWN.

Newport, 6 mo. 16th, 1871.

Which being considered was accepted, and our Quarterly Meetings are directed to forward their respective proportions of the sum named — five thousand dollars — to George Howland, Jr., who is appointed treasurer of this meeting for one year or until another appointment. James Dennis and Thomas Harkness are appointed to receive from Gideon C. Smith, our late treasurer, the books, papers and funds in his hands and place them in the hands of George Howland, Jr., our present treasurer.

The Clerk is directed to sign on our behalf the following Minute for our friend Jeremiah A. Grinnell, and similar ones for our friends Phebe Ann Sands, Hannah S. Fry, Sarah W. Congdon, James C. Thomas, Deborah C. Thomas, Edith Griffith, Elizabeth L. Comstock, Sarah E. Jenkins, Sarah Gidley, Edward C. Young, John Henry Douglass, Allen Terrell, Joel Bean, and Adam Spencer, viz. :

Our beloved friend, Jeremiah A. Grinnell attended this meeting. His company and religious services have been acceptable to us.

The Clerk is also directed to sign on our behalf the following Minute for Amos Griffith, and similar ones for our friends William M. Sands, Catherine P. Rider, Francis T. King, William Gidley, Fordyce Grinnell, John T. Comstock, Elizabeth R. Haviland, George K. Jenkins, and Elizabeth W. Young, viz. :

Our beloved friend Amos Griffith acceptably attended this meeting.

The subject of building a meeting-house in Kansas being brought before us, deep sympathy was expressed with the dear Friends about to be separated to form a new Yearly Meeting in that State, and friends of our several Monthly Meetings are encouraged to make liberal collections for the purpose of aiding them and forwarding the amount to the treasurer of this meeting which he is directed to forward to Washington Hadley, Lawrence, Kansas. A copy of this Minute is to be forwarded to each of our Monthly Meetings.

Adjourned to the 4th hour this afternoon.

Afternoon.—Friends assembled agreeably to adjournment.

The Committee on the concern of this meeting for the improvement of the Penobscot and Passamaquoddy tribes of Indians made the following partial Report, viz. :

TO THE YEARLY MEETING :

The committee having charge of the concern of the Yearly Meeting on the Passamaquoddy and Penobscot tribes of Indians, located in the State of Maine, report : That we have given attention to the objects of our appointment, rendering such counsel to individuals of the tribes and officers of the government in their interests, as way has opened for. We are not, however, prepared to make a full report at this time.

STEPHEN JONES,

On behalf of the Committee.

Which is satisfactory to us ; and the Committee are continued on that service and encouraged to extend such help as way may open for to promote the improvement of that portion of the human family ; and they are authorized to draw from our treasurer the sum of one hundred dollars — it being the amount which was last year appropriated — to be used at the discretion of the Committee.

The Committee appointed last year for disseminating and circulating amongst the public such documents and information as will tend to the spreading of our principles against wars and fightings, submitted the following Report, viz. :

TO THE YEARLY MEETING :

The Committee to promote efforts in the cause of Peace, report that they have received contributions from Friends amounting to \$261.50. They have also expended for reading matter, including 700 copies of Dymond's Inquiry on War, also Sumner's Oration, Whelpley Hancock on Peace, and thousands of tracts and other documents, \$216.62. We also paid 100 subscriptions for one year to the " Messenger of Peace," which have been sent from the office of publication to ministers of various denominations, and to representative men in the different relations in life in New England. The account of the condition and wonderful preservation of Friends in Ireland during the rebellion in that country in 1798, and the brief history of the constancy in suffering of Friends of North

Carolina during the late civil war in this country, were also circulated to some extent; the Committee believing that next to a clear declaration of the principles and requirements of the gospel on this important subject, a practical illustration of the efficiency and the safety of these principles were the most convincing to the public mind. Small tracts have also been distributed with considerable care and labor in nearly all parts of New England. By many these tracts and essays have been gratefully received, and some have rendered important aid in their distribution. Should the Yearly Meeting conclude to continue its aid and fostering care in this interesting work, we would suggest the propriety of inviting the cooperation of Women Friends in the concern.

On behalf of the Committee.

ELI JONES.

NATHANIEL GIFFORD.

NEWPORT, 6th mo. 14, 1871.

Which brought this interesting subject very freshly before the meeting; and Friends were united in the re-appointment of the Committee and of inviting our sisters to unite with us in this important engagement. The Committee are encouraged to act in accordance with the Minute of their appointment made last year, and, if way opens for it, to cooperate with the Peace Associations of other Yearly Meetings; and Friends are recommended to contribute liberally of their means to aid this work.

Essays of Epistles addressed to the Yearly Meetings of London, Ireland, Baltimore, Ohio, Indiana, Western, Canada, and one to Friends in Norway, were read and approved; and the Clerk was directed to sign them on our behalf and forward them, and those approved this morning, to the correspondents of those meetings respectively.

This meeting approved of an Essay on Peace drawn up by our women Friends, to be printed and circulated by them.

The London General Epistle of last year not having been received by us, we refer the subject of printing and circulating it to our Meeting for Sufferings.

The Clerk is authorized to make any necessary extracts from our Minutes and sign them on our behalf.

William C. Taber is appointed to assist the Clerk in acus-

ing two thousand copies of our Minutes and eighty copies of the Boarding School report to be printed and sent down to our Quarterly Meetings for distribution in the usual proportions.

Russell Hoag is appointed correspondent of Sandwich Monthly Meeting, New Hampshire, in place of George F. Varney. Address, Sandwich, N. H.

We have gratefully to acknowledge that our present Yearly Meeting has been a season of Divine favor, under which the important and weighty engagements which have claimed our attention have been disposed of in love and harmony; and, with a humbling sense of the great mercy extended to us, we separate in close unity, proposing to meet again in this place at the usual time next year, if the Lord permit.

Signed on behalf of the meeting.

CHARLES R. TUCKER, Clerk.

MINUTE ON PEACE FROM THE YEARLY MEETING HELD IN IRELAND.

The following has been adopted as a Minute of this Meeting :—

In the consideration of the present condition of our Religious Society, we have had, among other deficiencies, to acknowledge that much luke-warmness exists amongst us, in faithfully upholding the principles of the Gospel as to the unlawfulness of all war which we, as a Christian church, have ever professed.

We believe it to be our duty to maintain without wavering the great principle that the whole Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ is utterly opposed to that spirit of evil which induces the nations of the world to engage in deadly strife.

But while fully acknowledging this truth, we have been led to enquire how far have we been faithful in carrying it out in our conversation and in our association with others.

Surely if we believe that all men are indeed of one Brotherhood, and that the injunction that we should love one another is of universal application, we are not living up to our high calling as Christians if we do not make a more decided stand in boldly proclaiming ourselves as disciples of the "Prince of Peace."

When we consider how solemn is the injunction of our blessed Lord,—“But I say unto you, love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you and persecute you,”—we are made sorrowful that so few of His professed followers accept this truth in its fullness, which shows so plainly that all war, whether offensive or defensive, is in violation of His teaching.

To do good to those who hate us, is the command of our Lord, and we hold, as we have ever done, that His commands are intended to be put in practice in our daily lives and conversation.

It is our prayerful desire that all our members may endeavor more earnestly to live up to the professions which they make, and we would encourage our Quarterly and Monthly Meetings seriously to consider whether something more is not required at their hands in order to put our views on this important subject before Christians of other denominations, and the public at large.

There seems to be at the present time a renewed call to the Lord's children to hold fast to the precepts of the Gospel, so that they may indeed shine as lights in the world, adorning the doctrine of God our Saviour in all things.



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At the Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England, held on Rhode Island, commencing at Newport on seventh day, the 15th of 6th month, 1872.

By the reports received from our several Quarterly Meetings, it appears that the following Friends are appointed representatives to this meeting, viz. :

From RHODE ISLAND — Thomas Harkness, Perez Peck, Albert K. Smiley, Thomas E. Steere, Stephen Chase, Joseph Cartland, Joseph H. Atwater, Jacob Mott, George Bowen, Gideon C. Smith, Samuel Austin, Abel F. Collins.

From SALEM — Samuel Boyce, Owen Dame, Josiah D. Chellis, Thomas Folsom, Daniel Paige of Salem, John Paige, Newell Ordway, Moses Sawyer, Moses F. Rogers, Jabez Wood.

From SANDWICH — Joseph Grinnell, Edward W. Howland, Joseph S. Tillinghast, Arnold Gifford, Otis Slocum, Daniel B. Akin, Rufus Shearman, Lemuel Gifford, Leonard Macomber, James West, David Kelley, Newell Hoxie.

From FALMOUTH — Freeman Andrews, Cyrus Cartland, Lemuel Jones, Abram Winslow, Nathaniel Hawkes, Silas H. Cartland, Josiah Winslow, Penrose Chapman.

From SMITHFIELD — Richard Battey, Timothy K. Earle, Moses D. Southwick, David Badcock, Isaac Steere, John Milton Earle, Abel C. Munroe, John B. Daniels.

From VASSALBORO' — James Hussey, John A. Frye, Jonathan Estes, Stephen Jones, Jedediah J. Varney, Geo. H. Pope, William A. Jones, Thomas B. Nichols, Ebenezer Frye.

From DOVER — Albert C. Hill, Joseph H. Pratt, John Estes, Albert C. Buffum, Timothy B. Hussey.

From FAIRFIELD — Isaac Farr, Moses Briggs, Silas E. Hoxie, Paul Wing, George Richardson, and Reuben T. Jones.

1. On the call of the names they were present except five : for the absence of three satisfactory reasons were given.

2. We had at this meeting the acceptable company of our beloved friends, Lewis Bedell, Abel C. Collins, Zaccheus H. Powell, William Lindley Dean from New York Yearly Meeting ; Deborah C. Thomas, from Baltimore Yearly Meeting ; Elizabeth L. Comstock, Phebe B. Hathaway, Edward C. Young, William Jenkins, from Ohio Yearly Meeting ; Lindley M. Hoag, from Iowa Yearly Meeting ; Eliza H. Varney and Catharine Moore from Canada Yearly Meeting. Certificates from their respective meetings expressing unity with them as ministers and with their religious engagements were presented and read.

3. Our beloved friends Maria Willets, an Elder, companion to Deborah C. Thomas ; John T. Comstock, an Elder, who accompanies his wife, Elizabeth L. Comstock ; Lydia M. Jenkins, an Elder, who accompanies her husband, William Jenkins ; Rachel Doyle, an Elder, companion to her sister, Catharine Moore ; Allen M. Dorland, and Patty G. Dorland, Elders, who accompany Eliza H. Varney, are acceptably present with us, and presented satisfactory minutes from their respective meetings.

4. The London General Epistle for 1871 was now read. The meeting was touched, and we trust, edified with its salu-

tary contents, and we feelingly commend it to the solid consideration of our subordinate meetings and members, and appoint our friends William A. Robinson and William C. Taber to cause a reprint of five thousand copies to be placed in the hands of the representatives to be conveyed to our subordinate meetings for distribution.

5. We are in receipt of truly acceptable Epistles from our dear friends of the Yearly Meetings of London, Ireland, New York, Baltimore, North Carolina, Ohio, Indiana, Western Iowa and Canada. In the reading of these interesting communications of brotherly love and regard, our dear friends on both sides of the Atlantic have been afresh brought to our remembrance, with a comforting assurance that we are one people professing the same faith; and being engaged to reciprocate these tokens of love, we appoint the following Friends to prepare as way opens for it, essays of Epistles to those meetings, and also to Kansas Yearly Meeting to be opened in the 10th month next, and present them to a future sitting, and also one to Friends in Norway, although no Epistle has been received from them the past year, viz.: Eli Jones, Samuel Boyce, Perez Peck, George H. Pope, Charles C. Varney, Joseph Cartland, Henry T. Wood, Samuel Buflum, Samuel Austin, Joseph H. Atwater, Joseph E. Macomber, David K. Akin, William C. Taber, Richard Battey, William A. Brown, James B. Congdon, John H. Crosman, John Milton Earle, Albert K. Smiley, John D. Lang, Moses Bailey, Benjamin H. Jones, John Paige, Timothy K. Earle, Thomas B. Nichols, Thomas E. Steere, William O. Newhall, and Newell Hoxie.

6. By the reports from the Quarterly Meetings, it appears that

Rhode Island has united with Providence Monthly Meeting in acknowledging the gift, and approving the public ministry of Charlotte D. Holmes; and with Rhode Island Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Jacob Mott and Susanna Mott to the station of Elder.

Sarah Leighton, an Elder, and a member of Greenwich Monthly Meeting, died 12th mo. 14th, 1871, aged 81 years 27 days, and Hannah Knowles, an Elder, and a member of

South Kingston Monthly Meeting, died 1st mo. 1st, 1872, aged 88 years 2 months 16 days.

Salem has united with Seabrook Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Mary Ann Folsom to the station of Elder.

Daniel Paige, a minister, has removed within the limits of that Quarterly Meeting from Fairfield Quarter. Ephraim Leighton, an Elder, and member of Weare Monthly Meeting, deceased 2d mo. 29th, 1872, aged 77 years 5 months 9 days; and Joseph Hoag, an Elder, and a member of the same meeting, died 4th mo. 3d, 1872, aged 63 years 1 mo. 18 days.

Sandwich informs that Susan Howland, a Minister and a member of New Bedford Monthly Meeting, deceased 1st mo. 19th, 1872, aged 80 years 2 months 3 days, and Abigail Crowell, an Elder, and a member of Sandwich Monthly Meeting, died 3d mo. 3d, 1872, aged 86 years 8 months 7 days.

Falmouth reports that it has united with Durham Monthly Meeting in acknowledging the gift and approving the public ministry of Cyrus Cartland and Sarah P. Day, and with Limington Monthly Meeting in acknowledging the gift and approving the public ministry of James Cartland.

Eunice P. Rich, an Elder, and a member of Falmouth Monthly Meeting, died 7th mo. 1st, 1871, aged 82 years 11 months 15 days.

Vassalboro' has united with China Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Nancy H. Pinkham to the station of Elder, and in approving the gift and public ministry of Mary Ann Jones and Elizabeth B. Evans.

Sarah T. Crossman, an Elder, and a member of China Monthly Meeting, deceased 5th mo. 27th, 1872, aged 60 years 11 months and 17 days.

Dover informs, that Comfort Neal, an Elder, and member of Berwick Monthly Meeting, deceased 8th mo. 12th, 1871, aged 83 years.

7. We have received communications at this time from the Second Baptist Society of this city through its clerk, James D. Seabury, and from the Marlboro' Street Methodist Episcopal Church through its pastor, D. P. Leavitt, freely offering the use of their meeting-houses for Friends to occupy at any time during this Yearly Meeting, and from Edwin F.

Jones offering the use of the Thames Street Methodist Episcopal meeting-house for the use of Friends on First-day evening. This meeting accepts the offers thus made, as an evidence of the Christian love and regard of those societies to us, and we appoint William C. Taber, George Bowen, Obadiah Chase, Samuel Austin, and Josiah Holmes, Jr., to make such arrangements as way may open for with our ministering Friends, to hold meetings in some or in all of those meeting-houses, and the clerk is directed to furnish them with copies of this minute, so far as it relates to each respectively, and sign them on our behalf.

8. Eli Jones, Henry T. Wood, and William A. Brown, are appointed to make all necessary arrangements as to place and time for the committees to meet, who are appointed on the business of this meeting.

Adjourned to the 4th hour this afternoon.

Afternoon. — Friends convened pursuant to adjournment.

9. Samuel Boyce, on behalf of the representatives, reported that they had conferred together, and were united in proposing Charles R. Tucker for Clerk, and William O. Newhall for Assistant Clerk for the present year, which being satisfactory to the meeting they are appointed to those stations.

10. The records of our last Yearly Meeting were now read.

11. We appoint Thomas Harkness, Owen Dame, William P. Davis, Lemuel Jones, Samuel H. Colton, Ebenezer Frye, Albert C. Buffum, and Joseph Taylor, to audit and settle the Treasurer's account, and to propose a sum sufficient to be raised for the use of this meeting the present year, and the name of a Friend for Treasurer, and report to a future sitting.

12. We appoint James Dennis, William A. Brown, Josiah Holmes, Jr., Nathaniel Hawkes, Isaac Steere, William A. Jones, Albert C. Buffum, and Moses Bailey, to prepare a summary of the answers to the queries from our Quarterly Meetings, and present the same to our next sitting.

13. Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting proposes to change the time of holding that meeting from 11 to 10½ o'clock in the forenoon, with which this meeting unites.

14. Salem Quarterly Meeting in its account proposes that the time of holding its Quarterly Meeting of Ministers and Elders in the First month be changed from 10 o'clock A. M. to 3 o'clock P. M., which is united with by the meeting.

15. All our Quarterly Meetings report, that they have paid, or ordered to be paid, their respective proportions of stock called for last year, to our Treasurer.

16. Our beloved friend Richmond Hathaway, who accompanies his wife Phebe B. Hathaway is acceptably with us. A minute of concurrence from his friends has been read.

17. Jacob K. Purrinton is appointed correspondent of Dover Monthly Meeting in place of Joseph Tuttle, who has resigned.

18. We appoint Leonard Macomber correspondent of Westport Monthly Meeting in place of Adrian Davis, who is now residing without their limits.

19. Our beloved friend Ruth C. Hall presented at this sitting a satisfactory certificate from her respective meetings in Iowa Yearly Meeting expressive of unity with her as a Minister, and with her religious engagements. Her company is acceptable to us.

Adjourned to 10 o'clock on Second-day morning, the 17th.

SECOND-DAY — *Morning, 17th*, the meeting again assembled.

20. The representatives present, except five; satisfactory reasons given for the absence of four.

21. We have at this meeting the acceptable company of our beloved friend Daniel Hill, with a minute of concurrence from Clear Creek Monthly Meeting, Indiana Yearly Meeting.

22. The meeting now proceeded to consider the state of society, — under, we trust, a precious covering of the Lord's spirit, — by reading the Answers to the Queries, as presented by our several Quarterly Meetings; and, having proceeded therein to the second inclusive, adjourned to the fourth hour this afternoon.

At the appointed hour in the afternoon the meeting again assembled and completed the reading of the Queries and Answers.

23. During the whole course of this interesting service, we believe that the great Head of the Church condescended, in the riches of His love, to be very near us; our hearts were tendered and we were edified together.

The reports from our subordinate meetings have, as at former times, given evidence of much weakness and of our continued need of Divine help.

The duty, the privilege of assembling ourselves on the occasions appointed for public worship was largely dwelt upon.

We were tenderly exhorted to come unreservedly to Christ. Mercifully made partakers of His love, becoming living members of His church, how willingly should we offer Him our best services, who so lovingly and richly rewards for every sacrifice which we make in His precious cause.

Often, then, might we know a preparation of heart, on returning from our meetings to go to the absent ones and say to them that Jesus had been in our midst and spread before us a rich feast.

The earnest desire of our souls would then be, that all might freely partake of the unsearchable riches of Christ. Then the language to our young brothers would be, Have you neglected meetings and allowed the enemy to sow tares in the garden of your souls? Oh come with us and go in the Saviour's name, and let us realize His blessed assurance, "There I am in the midst of them."

Instances of sleeping in our religious meetings, reported in several of the accounts, have claimed our very serious consideration. While we would cherish a tender sympathy with the aged and those laboring under physical infirmities, it is indeed affecting and discouraging to see those of full strength, in the vigor of life, so far forgetting the great object of our coming together as to suffer themselves to sleep on such occasions.

Seriously reminding these of the great loss which they as individuals are thus sustaining, and also of the loss sustained by the church, we would affectionately encourage them to ask the Lord in solemn prayer to be with them on these occasions and strengthen them to overcome all their weaknesses. We believe that He will in His great love and mercy do it; for He has promised to be with all who seek His Divine aid; and His promises fail not.

The preciousness of love and unity on the one hand, and the injurious effects of the indulgence of the baneful spirit of detraction on the other, were alluded to in great tenderness; and earnest were

the appeals that our prayers might be offered up for any dear brethren who may be suffering an estrangement of feeling to exist, any alienation from each other and from the love of Christ. These were entreated, in that love, to be reconciled one to the other and to the church which needs their help.

No malice, no envy can enter the Heavenly family. "Behold how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity." Yet, encompassed with weaknesses, "in many things we offend all." Should we not then ever be ready to make the first advances towards a reconciliation? "For he that loveth not his brother, whom he hath seen, how can he love God whom he hath not seen?" Upon these terms alone can our offerings be acceptable to God: "If thou bring thy gift to the altar and there rememberest that thy brother hath aught against thee, leave there thy gift before the altar, and go thy way; *first be reconciled to thy brother, and then come and offer thy gift.*"

Let us not rest upon any false hopes, but repent and return to our first love; love God and He will be merciful to us. Do we love the commandments? Do we guard the good name of others? We best know our own hearts. If we see in our brother that which is wrong in him let us not report it, but go to him with loving hearts, tell him his fault between us and him alone, tell him of the Savior's love who died that we might live.

The importance of the daily reading of the Holy Scriptures was very feelingly brought before the meeting, and instances were cited in which faithfulness in this duty had drawn down the choice blessings of heaven. Parents were affectionately encouraged not to neglect this very important service, believing it to be incumbent upon us that the family circle be daily united for this purpose before the Lord, and that if we are faithful in this duty the love of Jesus will be witnessed, and that not only the heads of families but even the children, upon the bended knee, will be drawn in the spirit of prayer to ask of their Heavenly Father food convenient for them,—food which will nourish up the soul unto eternal life. Thus may we be enabled to bring our children to the throne of grace. Testimonies were borne to the memory of praying fathers and mothers whose petitions had been answered after they had been laid in the silent grave; and we were exhorted so to walk before our children that they might witness our faith in God, and that our only hope of salvation is in the one great offering made for us all, the blood of Christ.

Earnest are our prayers for the welfare of Zion. May her waste places be builded up. May our ranks be filled by those, who drawn

to us by His love, are seeking to know Christ, and Him crucified. The presence of the Great Master, the Head over all things to His church, has been known in our midst. We have been baptized together into the one spirit, sweet counsel has freely flowed, and fervent prayers have arisen that the Lord may bless and sanctify this meeting to us; that He may clothe our spirits with that love which will enable us, on our return to our families and friends, to speak to them in the name of the Father and of the Son. Our hearts thus filled with love, the language to them will be, "Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord to the house of the God of Jacob, and He will teach us of His ways and we will walk in His paths."

24. The committee having charge of the long standing concern of this meeting for the advancement of the Penobscot and Passamaquoddy tribes of Indians, presented the following report, to wit:

TO THE YEARLY MEETING:

The committee on the concern of this meeting for the improvement of the Penobscot and Passamaquoddy tribes of Indians, report that some of our number have, during the year, extended such care and counsel to these Indians as way has opened for. Schools have been maintained among both tribes as heretofore. The improvement in education in the Penobscot tribe has been the most considerable, and their better opportunity of hiring out for labor among their white neighbors is also an advantage.

In agricultural pursuits their progress has been nearly the same as in the last few years. A discouraging feature in their location, which has hindered their advancement in farming operations, arises from the fact that their lands, which consist to a great extent of numerous small islands, are liable to be overflowed at times, to the destruction of their crops. This circumstance has sometimes tended to their unsettlement.

The committee believe that the expenditure of a sum not exceeding one hundred dollars during the present year in this settlement may be judicious, and will tend not only to help the Indians permanently, but it may be a means of uniting the members of the tribe more nearly together. We recommend that this amount be placed at the disposal of the committee.

On behalf of the committee.

JOHN D. LANG.

STEPHEN JONES.

NATHAN DOUGLASS.

ELI JONES.

GEO. RICHARDSON.

Newport, 6 mo. 15, 1872.

Which is interesting and satisfactory to this meeting; and Eli Jones and Stephen Jones are requested to present the names of suitable friends to compose a committee for the ensuing year. They brought forward the names of Stephen Jones, John D. Lang, James B. Congdon, Henry T. Wood, Eli Jones, Alfred H. Jones, Timothy Hanson, George Richardson, Josiah Philbrook, Paul Wing, Augusteen Jones, Edward Earle, and Joseph Briggs, who are appointed on that service, and they are encouraged to labor, as opportunity and ability may be afforded, for the improvement and well-being of the remaining remnants of those tribes. And our Treasurer is directed to pay to the committee a sum of money not exceeding one hundred dollars, to be expended by them for their benefit, and report next year.

Adjourned to meet in joint session with our women friends at 10 o'clock to-morrow morning.

THIRD-DAY — *Morning the 18th.* — The meeting assembled in joint session pursuant to adjournment.

25. The committee continued last year upon the revision of our Discipline, reported as follows, viz.:

TO THE YEARLY MEETING:

The joint committee on the revision of the Book of Discipline report that, as directed at our last Yearly Meeting, they have procured the printing of 500 copies of the essay presented at that time, after some revision. These copies were distributed in the usual proportions among Friends in the several Quarterly Meetings, with a request that they should be returned, with comments, in season for further consideration by the committee, previous to a final revision and report. The work now presented is the result of this subsequent examination and review, and is submitted to the disposal of the Yearly Meeting.

On behalf of the committee.

CHARLES TABER.

HENRY T. WOOD.

GEO. HOWLAND, JUN.

REBECCA C. GRINNELL.

Newport, 6 mo. 15th, 1872.

Which being read, was accepted and ordered to be recorded.

The meeting, under a prayerful feeling of the great responsibility resting upon it, then proceeded to read portions of the work, which, with some slight changes, was approved and adopted, and then adjourned to the 4th hour in the afternoon.

Afternoon. — The meeting assembled according to adjournment, when the reading was resumed, and further portions of the work considered, and adopted up to, and including the 10th query.

Much brotherly love and condescension having been witnessed, the meeting adjourned to the 10th hour on Fourth-day morning.

FOURTH-DAY — *Morning the 19th.* — Friends again met in joint session; and under, as we trust, a precious covering of the Holy Spirit, the work was again resumed, and with some modification adopted up to, and including the section on marriage. The meeting then adjourned to 4 o'clock this afternoon.

Afternoon. — Friends again assembled, and resumed the consideration of the remaining articles of the discipline, which were adopted.

The attention of the meeting was then turned to the first chapter of the work as presented, under the head of "Christian Doctrine," and after some amendments it was approved and adopted.

The second chapter then coming in course under the head of "Christian Practice," having received the consideration of the meeting, and some amendments having been made and accepted, it was also approved and adopted.

The meeting then adjourned to the 4th hour to-morrow afternoon.

FIFTH-DAY — *Afternoon the 20th.* — The meeting reassembled according to adjournment.

The several articles which have been adopted by this meeting have now become its discipline, and our subordinate meetings are directed to be governed by its provisions when official copies of this minute are received by them, and also

copies of the work. We appoint Charles Taber, John Milton Earle, Henry T. Wood, and William C. Taber, to cause an edition of 1,000 copies to be printed in good plain type, and to furnish all our subordinate meetings with the number of copies required for their use. The balance of the edition to be placed in the hands of the treasurer of this meeting, to be sold to our members at cost.

While the meeting has been engaged from sitting to sitting in considering this important subject, very freely and fully has it been discussed, and although friends have differed in sentiment to some extent, great love, tender regard and brotherly condescension have been witnessed, and we thank our Heavenly Father, in mercifully condescending to be in our midst, and spreading over us his banner of love. The labors of this committee have been satisfactory to this meeting.

26. By the reports received from four of our Quarterly Meetings, a request was contained therein that this meeting would take under solid and prayerful consideration the subject of holding General Meetings for Divine worship within its limits, under the care and direction of a committee appointed by the Yearly Meeting. This subject being one of vital importance, the meeting during the consideration of it was deeply exercised to know the mind of Truth, and a very full expression was given in favor of granting the request, and the men and women representatives now in the attendance of this meeting are requested to confer together, and present to a future sitting of both men and women friends, in separate sessions, the names of suitable friends to compose a committee to take charge of this concern on behalf of this meeting. And our Quarterly Meetings are requested to appoint committees to cooperate with our committee in considering of any application, and deciding the same, which may be made for holding a General Meeting. And when permission is granted for holding such meetings, it will be the duty of the committee to see that a suitable portion of their number are in attendance thereof, and take the meeting under their care and direction; and they are to report to this meeting next year.

The meeting then adjourned, to meet in separate sessions at 10 o'clock to-morrow morning.

SIXTH-DAY — *Morning the 21st.* — Friends again convened. The representatives present except fourteen; for the absence of eleven reasons* were assigned.

27. Our beloved friend Chauncy B. Thorne, companion to Zaccheus H. Powell, presented at this sitting a Minute of concurrence from Scipio Monthly Meeting. He is acceptably with us.

28. The records of our meeting for sufferings for the past year were now read, and the attention which that meeting has given to the various subjects claiming its consideration is satisfactory, and is approved by this meeting.

And the men and women representatives now in the attendance of this Yearly Meeting are directed to confer together, and present to a future sitting the names of Friends to constitute a Representative Meeting for the ensuing year, in accordance with our discipline.

29. The joint committee having charge of the concern of this Yearly Meeting for the freed people of color, presented their eighth annual report, as follows :

The committee under appointment to promote efforts for the relief and improvement of the freed people of color, present the following report, viz. :

After mature deliberation on the part of the committee, it was decided that it would be best to continue our mission at Washington for another year, in view of the continued needs of the people, and the prospect of further usefulness. The schools were accordingly reopened on the 18th of the 9th mo., 1871, under the care of our esteemed friends, John C. and Hannah Gove as superintendents, and Hannah S. Macomber as principal, assisted by Mary E. Jenkins, Elizabeth P. Nichols, Susan Peirce, and Jessie Girdwood. And here we would again bear our testimony most gladly to the faithfulness of these our superintendents and teachers, and their earnest and conscientious devotion to their duties and to the best interests of those intrusted to their care.

The number of scholars was at first small, as the people had received the impression that the mission was to be discontinued, but when it was known that the teachers had returned, and the schools were again opened, they soon came in, till the rooms were

quite filled, and many more applied than could be received. The number of scholars admitted was about 300, and the average attendance larger than in previous years. Indeed, a marked improvement has been apparent not only in their punctual attendance, but also in their orderly behavior and cheerful submission to the necessary restraints of the schoolroom, which were at first so trying to the impulsive and thoughtless habits of these entirely untrained and restless natures. The trustees of colored schools in the city of Washington furnished us with new desks, blackboards, and maps, and our schoolrooms have been more comfortable and convenient than ever before.

Various members of the committee have from time to time visited the mission during the year, and we feel that we have great reason to rejoice in the amount of good that has been accomplished through its medium.

The First-day schools have been regularly kept up and have been well attended, and the interest in the study of the Bible is, we hope, increasing. Hannah Macomber writes, "The number and interest of past years have been fully sustained. This spring two of our young men have been hopefully converted. They have been members of our First-day school for a long time, and say they believe that the study of the scriptures with their teacher was the blessed means of bringing them to Christ." The committee have read with interest a letter from one of these young men, Jackson Davis, to H. Macomber, expressive of his gratitude to the N. E. Friends for the religious instruction received through the medium of our First-day schools.

Meetings for religious worship have also been regularly held on First-day mornings in the parlor of the Mission House, attended by most of the members of the family, and other friends residing permanently or temporarily in Washington.

The winter in Washington was a severe and stormy one, work very scarce for some time after the beginning of the year, and the poor and sick of the neighborhood have greatly missed the care of our friend Sarah E. Wall, who was prevented by sickness in her family from resuming her place at the mission until about two months ago. She proposes remaining, however, during the summer, at her own charge, to continue her labors of love and disinterested kindness to the suffering ones.

One child, a delicate little girl named Mary Smith, now about 14 years old, whose mother had died, was found, about four years ago, living in a low Irish family in a degraded condition, and subjected to very hard work and unkind treatment. She was taken, by per-

mission of her father, into the mission family, where she has since been clothed, fed, and kindly cared for. She has regularly attended the schools, on First-days as well as week days, and has rendered herself very useful in the family, and by her uniform good conduct and improvement in learning and in household affairs, has well repaid the care bestowed. We feel that *she* may be considered as a "brand snatched from the burning."

The annual festival near the beginning of the new year was, as in previous years, an occasion of much interest to teachers and scholars, as well as to their parents and friends, and friends of the mission. They met on this occasion at "Lincoln Institute," a large building near by, which was kindly offered for the purpose. H. Macomber wrote, "Though the weather was unfavorable, nearly every scholar was present. Thirty-two of them had separate parts, either in declamation or dialogue, and nearly every member of the school had some part in recitations in concert. Some religious services were also held." Presents were given by the committee to teachers and scholars, for the purchase of which contributions were made by Friends of New Bedford, Providence, and Worcester. A valuable box, contributed by Friends of Salem and Lynn, was also sent, containing some article for every member of the school, viz., books, pictures, work-boxes, articles of clothing, &c., with toys for the little ones. These were received by the children with delight and gratitude. Later in the season a box was received from Holliston, Mass., containing a large supply of new garments for children, which were truly acceptable, and served to render comfortable many a shivering child. *Ten dollars* were also contributed by Friends of Weare, N. H., through the efforts of our friend Mary Jenkins, of Farmington, N. H., for the benefit of the library of the First-day school.

It will be remembered that we received in 1868 a donation from kind friends in England, as a Normal School fund for the purpose of educating teachers. We believe the donors may feel assured that their generous gift has been judiciously appropriated, and has proved the means of doing much good. Since our last report one young woman, Ellen L. Fisher, has graduated from the Normal department of Howard University, and entered at once upon the work of teaching. Hannah S. Macomber reports that "Ellen L. Fisher has been teaching all the year, and has been very successful in her school. Her sister, Ruth Rebecca Fisher, will graduate the present month, with every prospect of being an equally successful teacher." She rendered efficient service for a short time in our mission school the past winter, during the illness of one of our teachers. One of our scholars, Victoria Shaw, has been selected by the committee as another

recipient of the benefits of the fund, and has entered the Normal department of the University to qualify herself for a teacher. Her graduation will about absorb the remainder of the English Normal Fund at our disposal.

In presenting this our eighth annual report, we are sorry to add that we fear it may be our last as regards the mission at Washington. We are grateful that the Divine blessing has rested on our efforts, and that we have been permitted to accomplish much good. We trust the Yearly Meeting will not feel that their labors in behalf of the freed people are at an end. The work may be considered as only well begun. These long-suffering people, so recently come out of the land of bondage, will for some time to come, need the fostering, watchful care of the philanthropist and the Christian, and we trust way may open for us still to continue to extend a helping hand to educate and elevate them. By the financial report of our affairs herewith presented, it will be observed that our present indebtedness is about \$4000.

After mature deliberation, the committee were united in instructing the trustees to dispose of our real estate and other property in Washington, at such time and in such manner as may appear to them most advisable, and after paying off the indebtedness of the mission to hold any balance which may remain, subject to the disposal of the committee for the benefit of the freed people, in accordance with the original minute of the Yearly Meeting. Inasmuch as it is liable to require a year or more to close up this concern, we recommend the continuance of a committee.

On behalf of the committee.

EDWARD W. HOWLAND.

REBECCA C. GRINNELL.

Newport, 6th mo. 17, 1872.

EDWARD W. HOWLAND IN ACCOUNT WITH FRIENDS'
FREEDMEN'S MISSION.

1872.

6th mo. 16th.	Amount paid superintendent and		
	teachers,	\$2,015.71	
	Family expenses,	1,405.14	
	Repairs,	134.89	
	Insurance,	18.50	
	Books,	63.21	
	Cow,	34.00	\$3,671.45

Cr.

Cash on hand 6 mo. 10th, 1871,	\$357.63	
By amount received from tenants,	948.90	
Board,	46.00	
Milk sold,	30.00	
Cow sold,	34.00	
Donations,	44.57	
Trustees of colored schools,	122.72	
From E. W. Howland,	2,087.63	\$3,671.45

EDWARD W. HOWLAND.

Newport, 6 mo. 16th, 1872.

NOTE.—The trustees hold personal and real estate valued at about \$7000. The mission is indebted to Edward W. Howland and Joseph Grinnell for money advanced and interest up to 6 mo. 16, 1872, \$4,004.17.

Which being read and considered was satisfactory, and is approved by us.

The care and attention which they have bestowed during the past year in promoting the well being of that class of our fellowmen have, we believe, been largely blessed to that much injured people; and the committee now under appointment on that service are continued, and they are encouraged to proceed in accordance with the recommendations contained in the report. And they are directed to make such disposition of the funds remaining after the debts are paid as their best judgment may dictate, in conformity with the minute made at the time of their appointment, and report to this meeting next year.

Names of Committee.—Edward W. Howland, Benjamin Buffum, William C. Taber, Samuel Boyce, Edward Earle, John G. Whittier, Joseph Cartland, Charles B. Cates, Joseph Grinnell, Timothy B. Hussey, Charles F. Coffin, Henry T. Wood, Thomas E. Steere, Moses Sawyer, William A. Brown, Ann B. Earle, Gulielma W. Howland, Ellen K. Buffum, Gertrude W. Cartland, Eliza B. Boyce, Rebecca C. Grinnell, Anne G. Wood, Susan Taber, Ann Maria Coffin, Ruth B. Gifford, Elizabeth H. Newhall, Mercy Osborne, and Margaret B. Cates.

30. The following letter and copies of correspondence, received from the Philadelphia association, were read, and are interesting to this meeting; and the clerk is directed to incorporate them in our printed minutes.

TO THE FREEDMEN'S COMMITTEE OF THE NEW ENGLAND YEARLY MEETING:

DEAR FRIENDS,—The Association of Friends of Philadelphia and vicinity for the relief of colored freedmen, report

That the address to the King and Cortes of Spain upon the subject of the discontinuance of slavery in the Spanish Dominions, signed on behalf of eight of the Yearly Meetings and by the officers of this Association, was forwarded in First-month last to our friend Joseph Cooper, of England, one of the secretaries of the British and Foreign Anti-Slavery Society. After translation into the Spanish language, the address was sent by him to Spain and presented to the King by Julio L. de Vizcarrondo, one of the honorary secretaries of the Abolition Society of Madrid.

A letter from Joseph Cooper, of which a copy is subjoined, gives information as to the manner of its reception by the King. The letter is as follows:

“ESSEX HALL, Walthamstow, Eng., 24th 4th mo., 1872.

“MY DEAR FRIEND JOHN B. GARRETT,—I am glad to be able at length to inform thee that the Friends' Address has been presented to the King of Spain. It was presented a few days ago at a private interview by Julio L. de Vizcarrondo, one of the honorary secretaries of the Abolition Society of Madrid, who had some previous acquaintance with the King. The presentation being private, afforded an opportunity for communicating much important information to the King. He received the address very kindly and cordially, and inquired to whom he could send an acknowledgment of its reception. The whole leaves on my mind an impression that the step was a right one for Friends to take. Inclosed is the address in Spanish. We shall now give it a wide circulation in Spain.

“With grateful appreciation of what thou and the other friends have so kindly done,

“I remain thine sincerely,

JOSEPH COOPER.”

With thankfulness we express a trust that He who has shown His tender care for every human being, in that He spared not His own Son, but delivered Him up for us all, has blessed, and will further bless this effort to promote the removal of slavery from Christendom.

With Christian love we are your friends.

Signed on behalf of the Association.

JAMES E. RHOADS, President.

ELLIS YARNALL BROWN, Secretary.

Philadelphia, 6 mo. 1st, 1872.

As matter of interest in this connection Joseph Cooper sends a slip from a liberal Spanish paper, "La Discusion," printed at Madrid "19 de Abril, 1872." In this paper the address is published in full, prefaced by some comments, of which the following is a translation.

"A PETITION.

"Out of respect to the excellent North American citizens who subscribe the following manifesto, we give it place in the columns of our journal. From two thousand leagues of distance, the Quakers of America address Don Amadeo of Savoy, in order to say to him, what this gentleman knows, and what no man of respectable position doubts, that slavery is an infamy, and that it renders infamous and degraded the man or the nation which supports it. Amadeo will have read this remarkable document, and shrugged his shoulders.

"Not many days ago, we were first in publishing another document of this kind, which the ladies of Birmingham addressed to Donna Maria Victoria, begging her to intercede for the poor slaves. The whole press reproduced that writing, and as the whole result, a ministerial journal has said to us, that this august lady felt greatly the misfortunes of the slaves, but as Constitutional Queen could not interfere in the government of the country.

"To-day the same will be said with respect to Amadeo, and we assert that the Emperor of Brazil respects more than any other monarch the constitution of his country, and to him is due more than to any other man in that Empire the movement in favor of liberty, which will put an end, on the American continent, to this relic of barbarism. Here is the document."

31. The committee in charge of our boarding school presented the subjoined report, which being read and considered by this meeting, and taking into consideration the great want which has long existed for increased and better accommodations in the boys' part of the house, and in the domestic arrangements; and the committee having acted in accordance with the authority given them in their appointment by minute of this meeting last year, their proceedings are approved.

The same committee are reappointed to carry forward the concern of this very interesting subject, the education of our youth, for the ensuing year, in accordance with the minute of their appointment at our last meeting; and the treasurer of this Yearly Meeting is directed and authorized to loan such

an amount of money on the credit of this meeting as may be required to complete the work as specified in their report; and the committee are directed to report their doings to us next year.

NAMES OF SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

Men's Committee. — David Buffum, William C. Taber, Charles W. Webber, Edward Earle, Thomas B. Nichols, William P. Tuttle, William A. Robinson, Gideon C. Smith, Moses Bailey, Samuel Boyce, Charles R. Tucker, Charles F. Coffin of Lynn, Richard Battey, George Howland, Jr., Charles Taber, and Edward W. Howland.

Women's Committee. — Sarah F. Tobey, Eliza B. Boyce, Mary C. Hawkes, Ann K. Colton, Rachel B. Nichols, Eliza P. Varney, Gertrude W. Cartland, Dorcas B. Robinson, Ann B. Earle, Rebecca C. Grinnell, Dorcas F. Tucker, Anna T. Dennis, Gulielma W. Howland, Phebe R. Gifford, Sophia D. Bailey, and Gulielma Freeborn.

TO THE YEARLY MEETING :

The committee appointed to have the charge and oversight of the boarding school at Providence, report that they have endeavored to discharge the duty assigned them, and that they can thankfully acknowledge that, with the divine blessing on their efforts and the faithful cooperation of the officers and teachers, the school has sustained its previous high character, and we trust has been a blessing to many of its inmates. Harmony has prevailed in the establishment, the discipline of the school has been maintained, and the pupils have shown a satisfactory progress in their studies. The number of pupils during the Autumn term was one hundred ninety-one, viz., one hundred nineteen boys and seventy-two girls; Spring term, one hundred seventy, viz., one hundred eight boys and sixty-two girls.

The officers of the school the past year have been: Albert K. Smiley, principal; Rebecca H. Smiley, principal of the female department; John F. Rowell, George E. Dudley, Bessie T. Wing, Martha G. Read, and Mary Amy Collins, teachers of English branches; Thomas J. Battey, teacher of Natural Science; Daniel C. Maxfield, teacher of Mathematics; Alonzo Williams, teacher of Greek, Latin, and German; Charles H. Gates, teacher of French; J. Lewis Diman, lecturer on History; and Katharine H. Austin, teacher of Drawing.

The pupils and family attend the meetings for worship held in Providence on First-day forenoons and in the middle of the week. First-day afternoons are occupied with scripture lessons by the whole school. Portions of scripture are daily read to the assembled school in the morning, and also before retiring to their rooms at night.

The committee have felt that there was cause for thankfulness in witnessing the general good conduct of the young people attending the school, and the evident religious concern that they have observed to prevail among the officers and teachers, and in a hopeful and encouraging degree with many of the pupils. They would commend the school, and those associated in its management, to the prayerful interest of friends.

During the last summer vacation the large lodging-rooms occupied by the boys were divided into smaller rooms; two new passageways were opened, connecting the first and second stories of the central building with the boys' wing; the nurseries were greatly improved by the addition of a new bath-room in each story, and other needful accessories; the class-rooms were refitted and refurnished, and a new steam cooking apparatus was introduced into the kitchen. The whole expense of these repairs and improvements was \$8,721.33.

The indebtedness of the school, as shown by the report of the committee last year, was \$149.05; but when the settlement for the school year ending 6 mo. 30, 1871, was made, there proved to be \$1,441.78 more of profit than was estimated, which paid the debt and left a balance in favor of the school of \$1,292.73. The estimated earnings of the school for the present year are \$3,024, making the gross assets \$4,316.73, which, deducted from the amount expended in alterations and improvements before stated, \$8,721.33, leaves an indebtedness of \$4,404.60.

The auditing committee have also presented a statement of the receipts and disbursements of the School Fund and of the Charitable Fund, including the E. Metcalf and other donations, which are as follows:

SCHOOL FUND, 5 MO., 1872.

Cr.	Balance on hand last year,	\$17.06	
	Income of the fund,	6,974.70	
	Returned insurance premium,	236.59	\$7,228.35
Dr.	Paid insurance premium,	\$305.00	
	Paid A. K. Smiley per receipts,	6,904.97	
	Balance in hand 5 mo., 1872,	18.38	\$7,228.35

CHARITABLE FUND, &c.

CR.	On hand last year, 5 mo., 1871,	\$1,209.73	
	* Income from the fund,	2,309.52	\$3,519.25
DR.	Paid school bills, tuition of 27 scholars,	\$2,700.00	
	Balance in hand 5 mo., 1872,	819.25	\$3,519.25

Since their last report the committee have, as empowered by the Yearly Meeting, sold the lot of land cut off from the school premises by the extension of Thayer street for \$17,732.75, which amount was placed in the hands of Thomas Harkness, treasurer of the school fund.

On the receipt of the above named sum the committee felt authorized to proceed with the proposed addition to the west wing of the school building, and accordingly an addition is now in course of erection seventy-six feet long and forty-four wide, three stories high, the first floor of which is to be occupied for the boys' school-room, and the second and third floors as lodging-rooms for the boys and their teachers. This arrangement will give the boys a commodious schoolroom more than twice the size of their present one, and will add materially to the comfort and welfare of pupils and teachers. The old schoolroom will be divided into class-rooms for recitations, which are much needed.

In the 4th month last the subcommittee appointed to have charge of the erection of the new building, was authorized to make the necessary contracts to complete the alterations and improvements contemplated in the west wing of the main building, in connection with the new one. The estimates now presented are as follows :

Estimated cost of new building,	\$25,000.00
For steam heating apparatus, alterations in dining-rooms and class-rooms, new drains, and expense of introducing aqueduct water, &c.,	16,394.00
	<u>\$41,394.00</u>
To meet this outlay there has been received for land sold, . . .	\$17,732.75
Claim on the city of Providence for land taken for Thayer st., say	6,000.00
	<u>\$23,732.75</u>
Deficiency,	\$17,661.25
Add balance of indebtedness before reported,	4,404.60
	<u>\$22,065.85</u>
Leaving a balance unprovided for of	\$22,065.85

This, it is thought, can be paid by the income from the school in a few years of ordinary success, as the net profit for the past five years has been over twenty-five thousand dollars.

* The income from these funds will not be likely to exceed \$2,000 the ensuing year.

It is proposed that the charge for board and tuition the ensuing school year of forty weeks, be the same as last year, viz. :

For members of our Yearly Meeting,	\$100.00
For members of other Yearly Meetings, or where one or both parents are members of our religious society, or for scholars sent at the expense of such,	190.00
For all others that may be admitted,	300.00

An additional charge of ten dollars to be made for one year's instruction in Greek, Latin, French, German, or Drawing. One half payable at the commencement of the year, and one half at the opening after recess.

On behalf and by direction of the committee.

WM. C. TABER, Clerk.

NOTE. — The Autumn term begins 9 mo. 4, 1872, and closes 1 mo. 22, 1873.

The Winter recess begins 1 mo. 22, 1873, and closes 2 mo. 5, 1873.

The Spring term begins 2 mo. 5, 1873, and closes 6 mo. 25, 1873.

Regulations of the School Committee. — Applications for admission to the school should be made seasonably for the meeting of the committee on the first of eighth month next. Those who are members of our Yearly Meeting will have precedence of all others to that date, after which applications will be considered in the order in which they are received. Those who desire the benefit of the charitable funds, or of the Ebenezer Metcalf donation, should apply at the time above specified. And in all cases information is expected of the age, moral habits and literary attainments of the applicants.

All applications should be made to the principal. Address, Albert K. Smiley, Principal Friends' Boarding School, Providence, R. I.

32. A testimony from Providence Monthly Meeting, in-dorsed by Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting, concerning our beloved friend Gilbert Congdon, deceased, was received; on the reading of which, the memory of this dear friend was brought afresh and sweetly to our remembrance. His life was one of great piety and virtue, and he was a living member of the church. The testimony was approved, and directed to be recorded.

33. The representatives having been directed to propose the names of a suitable number of friends to constitute a committee on behalf of this meeting, on the subject of holding General Meetings, presented the following names, which

are acceptable to the meeting, and they are appointed on that service for the ensuing year, viz. :

Names of Committee. — George Bowen, Gideon C. Smith, Cynthia Bowen, Gertrude W. Cartland, Samuel Boyce, John Paige, Eliza B. Boyce, Abigail M. Hanson, William C. Taber, David K. Akin, Anna G. Wood, Susan Taber, Abraham Winslow, Elisha Jones, Jane C. Minot, Eunice D. Cartland, Richard Battey, Samuel H. Colton, Ann K. Colton, Lydia Haight, Eli Jones, Stephen Jones, Sybil Jones, Ann E. Lang, Albert C. Buffum, Joseph H. Pratt, Martha E. Pratt, Hannah G. Sawyer, Joseph Taylor, Charles F. Coffin, Sen., Lavinia M. Briggs, Hannah J. Bailey, Abner Slade, Thomas E. Steere, Stephen Beede, Edward W. Howland, Rachel S. Howland, Maria B. Jones, Eliza P. Gardner, and Ruth S. Wood.

34. George Douglass is appointed correspondent of Falmouth Monthly Meeting, in place of the correspondent who has removed.

Adjourned to the 4th hour this P. M.

Afternoon. — The meeting again assembled.

35. The committee upon the subject of education submitted the following report, viz. :

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION.

TO THE YEARLY MEETING :

The committee to whom has been intrusted the important subject of education in our Yearly Meeting; present the following report. We give statistics from all the Monthly Meetings, except two not heard from.

The whole number of children belonging to the Yearly Meeting	
between the ages of five and twenty-one years,	780
The number of Monthly Meeting schools,	1
The number of family schools,	4
The number of children who have attended school the past year, . . .	686
The number who have attended school taught by Friends, or under	
their control,	218
The number obtaining education at academies and colleges not under	
the care of Friends,	40
The number of members engaged in teaching,	113
The number of First-day schools under the care of Friends,	57

The average time of holding said schools,	9 months.
The whole number attending the same,	2,749
The average number,	1,572
The number of our members attending,	1,047
The number over twenty-one years of age,	760
The number of Friends over twenty-one years of age,	644
The number of teachers,	253
The number of Bible classes not connected with said schools,	8
The average time,	4 months.
The whole number belonging to the same,	169
Average number,	118
The number of Friends belonging to such,	100
The number of Particular Meetings without school or Bible class,	16
The number of births during the year,	27
The number admitted by request,	28
The number added by certificate,	13
The number removed by certificate,	10
The number disowned or released,	16
The number deceased,	112
The whole number belonging to the Yearly Meeting,	4,226

Hereafter the statistical information concerning the number of members, &c., being provided for by the adoption of a clause in the new book of discipline, and in view of the difficulty heretofore experienced in obtaining correct statistics, we would recommend that hereafter this information be obtained by the different Monthly Meetings, and forwarded by the clerk of the Quarterly Meeting to the Yearly Meeting.

We would again express our sense of the great responsibility that rests upon our society in regard to the education of our youth. They are committed to our care, and an account will be required for every one. Their physical needs are provided for by the patient toil and tender care of their parents. How are their mental and spiritual wants supplied? Are they taught the wonders of God's visible creation, so that from the contemplation of his works they can look up to Him with reverence? Are their minds so strengthened by study that they may the better serve Him who has given them intellect; and, above all, are they taught that all these powers of mind are given by our Heavenly Father, are to be improved to the utmost for His service, and can only be used effectually by His divine aid? Let us, as a society, carefully consider these queries.

We would suggest that a new committee be appointed, consisting of one man and one woman friend from each Monthly Meeting as correspondents, as heretofore, with some others chosen at large from among the younger and better educated members of the meet-

ing, who will be qualified to judge of the need of the higher culture of our children, and the best means of obtaining it.

On behalf of the committee.

LYDIA E. SAWYER, Clerk.

Newport, 6 mo. 20, 1872.

It was read and approved, and the information contained therein was interesting and encouraging to us. We appoint Joseph E. Macomber, William A. Brown, Henry T. Wood, Lemuel Jones, Richard Battey, Jonathan Estes, Joseph H. Pratt, and Reuben T. Jones, to unite with a like committee of women friends, to consider of and present to our next sitting the names of a committee to take charge of this concern for the ensuing year.

36. The committee under appointment as per minute of last year, for the dissemination and circulation amongst the public of such documents and information as will tend to the spreading of our principles against all wars and fightings, made the following report, viz. :

TO THE YEARLY MEETING :

The joint committee to promote efforts in the cause of Peace, report that during the past year these efforts have been mostly confined to the dissemination of reading matter bearing upon this subject. We procured early 500 copies of Dymond's Inquiry on War, also a supply of "Hancock on Peace," "Sumner's Oration," "Social Evils of War," and many narratives showing the practical efficacy of the principles of Peace when maintained with constancy. These, with a greater number of pamphlets and smaller tracts, have been widely distributed in different parts of New England. By a large class these essays and tracts have been kindly received, and in many instances we find the subject has been met not only with respectful attention, but with thoughtful appreciation.

The committee has also paid for 212 subscriptions to the "Angel of Peace," a new paper published by the American Peace Society, and more especially adapted to youthful minds. These papers have been forwarded from the office of publication to Scripture schools of different denominations in various parts of the country.

The balance of money in the hands of the committee last

year was	\$44.88	
Collection at Peace meeting last year,	107.65	
Contributions of Friends while in Newport,	235.00	
Donations from Friends since last Yearly Meeting,	46.00	
Books sold,	4.00	\$437.53

Paid for publications from Peace Association of

Friends,	\$91.65	
Paid for do. from Murray Fund, New York, . . .	50.00	
Paid for do. from American Peace Society, . . .	56.20	
Paid for tracts from other sources,	8.25	
Paid express transportation,	6.36	\$212.46
Balance in hands of committee,	225.07	\$437.53

We believe that a field is still open for the dissemination of reading matter in a convenient form, which, while it maintains the Christian ground of our testimony on this subject, may also diffuse just ideas of the terrible suffering, the social evil, the wanton waste and destruction, as well as the frightful cost of war.

We trust that Friends will feel engaged, by active sympathy and by liberal contributions, to aid this important work.

On behalf of the committee.

ELI JONES.

ABBY S. BATTEY.

Newport, 6th mo. 18, 1872.

Which being read was interesting, and the amount accomplished by them during the year is satisfactory to the meeting. And the committee are reappointed on that service, and we are engaged that they should use every right opening for the advancement of the cause of "peace on earth, and good will to men."

Committee.—Eli Jones, David Buffum, John H. Crossman, Joseph H. Atwater, Timothy B. Hussey, Matthew Howland, Charles C. Varney, Edward W. Howland, Samuel R. Buffinton, Joseph Cartland, George Richardson, Charles M. Bailey, Charles Taber, Gideon Wood, Jabez Wood, Thomas B. Nichols, Joseph E. Macomber, Henry T. Wood, Nathaniel Gifford, George H. Pope, Herod Chase, Charles A. Nichols, and Edward Y. Austin.

37. A testimony given forth by New Bedford Monthly Meeting, indorsed by Sandwich Quarterly Meeting, concerning that dear servant of the Lord, Susan Howland, deceased, was read, when her life and long years of service in the cause of her dear Master were brought very impressively to our minds. Her loving words and good example will long be remembered by us. The document was approved, and directed to be recorded.

38. The committee appointed upon the reprint of the London General Epistle of 1871, informed the meeting that 3,000 copies of the edition were now ready for delivery.

39. The consideration of the proposition from Western Yearly Meeting received last year, proposing a general conference formed of delegates from all the Yearly Meetings in America who correspond with them, was referred to this meeting; and having at this time received from them the following minute, it was read, considered, and united with, and William C. Taber, Richard Battey, William A. Robinson, Samuel Boyce, George Bowen, Joseph Cartland, Charles Taber, and Eli Jones, are appointed to unite with women friends, and present to a future sitting the names of five men and five women to constitute delegates to the proposed convention.

50. The committee appointed at a former sitting to prepare a minute of the action of the different Yearly Meetings, in relation to the proposition of this meeting for holding a General Conference, produced the following, which was approved and directed to be appended to the epistles issued to other Yearly Meetings.

“REPORT.

“TO THE YEARLY MEETING:

“We would propose the adoption of the following minute as information to the American Yearly Meetings, and that it be appended to our epistles to them, viz.:

“Having received, at this time, information from New England, New York, Baltimore, North Carolina and Ohio Yearly Meetings, favorable to the holding of a General Conference as proposed by this meeting last year, and that Indiana, Iowa, and Canada Yearly Meetings defer their decisions on the subject for another year, and New York Yearly Meeting having suggested the propriety of postponing the time of meeting until the 11th month, said proposed change is satisfactory to this meeting, and we accordingly suggest that said Conference meet on the last Second-day in 11th month, 1872, at 10 o'clock A. M.

“The following suggestion is received from Baltimore Yearly Meeting:

““That they believe that there are periods in the history of the Church when it is called upon to reaffirm its doctrines, testimonies and mission.

“ ‘ In this day of awakened religious interest and inquiry among our own members and others who are being drawn to us in various sections ; in the multiplication of Yearly Meetings, and the rapid increase of membership in some parts, we believe the time is not far distant when a General Conference of the Yearly Meetings of this continent, and of London and Dublin, would be desirable to reaffirm the Doctrines, Testimonies and Mission of the Religious Society of Friends ; and without infringing upon the authority and independence of the several Yearly Meetings in their respective limits, consider subjects which affect our common membership and welfare.

“ ‘ We believe such a council, composed of delegates appointed under the promptings, and held under the authority of Him who is “ Head over all things to His Church,” would bind us more closely together as one people, and strengthen us as a Church.

“ ‘ Baltimore, 10th month 25th, 1870.’

“ We see nothing in the suggestion here made, but that may be considered included in the proposition of this meeting last year.

“ We would leave the General Council free to consider, mature and report all such matters as, in their judgment, may concern the general welfare of our Society, and to determine what questions should claim its future consideration.

“ We unite with the proposal from New York, that committees of said General Council be jointly of men and women Friends.

“ On behalf of the committee.

B. C. HOBBS.”

40. The committee appointed at a previous sitting to audit the treasurer’s accounts, presented the following report, to wit :

TO THE YEARLY MEETING :

The committee appointed to examine and settle the accounts of the treasurer, to propose the amount to be raised the ensuing year, and bring forward the name of a friend for treasurer, report as follows :

RECEIPTS.

Balance from last year’s account,	\$2,741.00
Received from the Quarterly Meetings,	5,000.00
Received interest on Boston bonds,	600.00
Received interest on Wm. J. Hoppin’s note,	17.15
Received dividend of Eagle Bank, Providence,	100.00
	\$8,458.15

EXPENDITURES.

Paid balance of travelling expenses of Friends, our own members attending Yearly Meeting,	\$122.00	
Paid sundry expenses at Newport during Yearly Meeting week, including board of Friends from abroad with certificates,	653.62	
Paid rent of room for Boston meeting,	312.00	
Paid expenses holding meetings in Boston,	146.91	
Paid for recording, &c.,	56.94	-
Paid appropriation to Indian fund,	850.00	
Paid on account of appropriation for First-day schools,	75.00	
Paid N. Breed for money furnished a friend travelling in the ministry,	25.00	
Paid interest on notes,	757.93	
Paid principal on notes,	2,000.00	
Paid printing bills,	532.25	
Paid insurance premium on Yearly Meeting house,	29.75	
Balance in the hands of the treasurer,	2,896.75	\$8,458.13

We find proper vouchers for the expenditures, and are united in proposing that the sum of five thousand dollars be raised for the use of the meeting the ensuing year, and we are also united in proposing George Howland, Jr., for treasurer.

The present indebtedness of the meeting by note is five thousand dollars, with interest from 15th 4 mo. last.

For the committee.

THOMAS HARKNESS.

Newport, 6 mo. 19th, 1872.

Which was considered, and is accepted; and our Quarterly Meetings are directed to forward their respective proportions of \$5,000, the sum proposed to be raised, to George Howland, Jr., who is reappointed treasurer of this meeting for the ensuing year; and he is directed to have all bills audited and approved by the clerk of this Yearly Meeting, or the clerk of the Representative Meeting, before payment is made.

41. The committee appointed last year to receive from Gideon C. Smith, the retiring treasurer of this meeting, the books, papers, and property of the meeting, and place them in the hands of George Howland, Jr., the treasurer appointed in his stead, presented the following report, which is satisfactory to the meeting, to wit:

TO THE YEARLY MEETING:

The committee appointed to receive the books, papers, and funds in the hands of Gideon C. Smith, late treasurer, and place them in

the hand of George Howland, Jr., our present treasurer, report the service performed. The books and papers received from the late treasurer, Gideon C. Smith, with twenty-seven hundred and forty-one dollars in cash, ten thousand dollars in Boston City Bonds, a certificate of twenty shares of stock in the Eagle Bank, Providence, and a note of Wm. J. Hoppins for five hundred seventy-one dollars and forty-one cents, have been placed in the hands of our present treasurer, George Howland, Jr.

JAMES DENNIS.

THOMAS HARKNESS.

Newport, 6 mo. 19th, 1872.

42. The representatives in the attendance of this Yearly Meeting, as directed in accordance with our discipline, presented the following names, viz., David Buffum, Perez Peck, Samuel Boyce, William C. Taber, William A. Robinson, Charles K. Tucker, George Howland, Jr., Stephen Jones, Ellen R. Buffum, Edward Earle, Edward W. Howland, Eliza B. Boyce, Henry T. Wood, Charles F. Coffin of Lynn, George Bowen, David K. Akin, Reuben T. Jones, George Douglass, Rachel S. Howland, Hannah G. Sawyer, Eli Jones, Jane C. Minot, Richard Battey, Jacob K. Purinton, Moses Bailey, Ann B. Earle, Lemuel Jones, Thomas B. Nichols, Joseph Cartland, Newell Hoxie, Sybil Jones, Stephen Chase, Timothy B. Hussey, William O. Newhall, Samuel H. Colton, Gertrude W. Cartland, Thomas E. Steere, Hannah J. Bailey, Moses Sawyer, Susan Taber, Sarah W. Farr, and Owen Dame, to constitute a Representative Meeting for the ensuing year, to act on behalf of this meeting during its recess upon all subjects claiming their attention, according to our discipline.

43. The clerk is directed to sign on our behalf the following minute for our friend Lewis Bedell, and similar ones for Abel C. Collins, Zaccheus H. Powell, William Lindley Dean, Deborah C. Thomas, Elizabeth L. Comstock, Phebe B. Hathaway, Edward C. Young, William Jenkins, Lindley M. Hoag, Eliza H. Varney, Daniel C. Hill, Catharine Moore, and Ruth C. Hall:

Our beloved friend, Lewis Bedell, attended this meeting. His company and religious services have been acceptable to us.

44. The clerk is also directed to sign on our behalf the following minute for Maria Willets, and similar ones for our friends John T. Comstock, Lydia M. Jenkins, Rachel Doyle, Allen M. and Patty G. Dorland, Richmond Hathaway, and Chauncy B. Thorne :

Our beloved friend, Maria Willets, attended this meeting. Her company has been acceptable to us.

Adjourned to 8 o'clock this evening.

8 o'clock P. M. — Friends again convened.

45. Essays of epistles addressed to the Yearly Meetings of London, Ireland, New York, Baltimore, North Carolina, Ohio, Indiana, Western, Iowa, Canada, and one to the New Yearly Meeting to be held in Kansas in the 10th month next, and also one to our dear friends in Norway, were read and approved ; and the clerk is directed to revise and sign them on behalf of this meeting, and forward them to those meetings respectively.

46. The Representative meeting is authorized, should such action be found necessary, to procure on behalf of the Yearly Meeting any legislation to legalize the provisions of the rules of discipline adopted by this meeting upon the subject of marriage.

47. The committee appointed this afternoon for that service, presented the following names to constitute a committee on the very important subject of education, viz. :

Joseph E. Macomber, Charles W. Earle, Samuel R. Buffinton, Edward W. Collins, Thomas J. Battey, George C. Herbert, M. Alton Bailey, Charles H. Jones, Eben W. Hoxie, Nathan T. Shepherd, George W. Francis, John A. Macomber, Edward T. Tucker, George Douglass, Charles W. Webber, Charles A. Nichols, Silas H. Cartland, William C. Monro, John B. Daniels, Thomas A. Wheeler, J. Albert Jenkins, J. William Jacob, James Cook, Albert C. Hill, Timothy B. Hussey, Russell Hoag, Isaac Winslow, Isaac Hawkes, Benjamin G. Shepherd, Augusteen Jones, John B. Baylies, John H. Crosman, Charles Taber, Richard M. Jones, Robert B. Taber, Charles E. Pratt, George F. Tucker, Jesse B. Wheeler, Timothy K. Earle, Henry Wilson Dudley, Sam-

uel Buffum, Albert K. Smiley, Samuel Austin, Olney T. Meader, Isaac R. Potter, Mary W. Atwater, Susan Ann Gifford, Cynthia Bowen, Gulielma Freeborn, Electa Jane Collins, Mary Alice Brown, Hannah B. Sawyer, Susan Taber, Rebecca D. Ewer, S. Jane Cox, Esther Jones, Lydia Pope, Elizabeth Cobb, Caroline C. Earle, Sarah Dow, Sarah Osborne, Almira B. Buffum, Lydia E. Sawyer, Jane H. V. Durgin, Abigail C. Beebe, Phebe M. Wadsworth, Hepsaba Hoxie, Zilpah J. Shepherd, Ruth Ann Shepherd, Elizabeth Ann Slade, Hetty Potter, Emily E. Dudley, Narcissa S. Jacob, Almira S. Hanson, Lucretia G. Chase, Ellen L. Congdon, Anna M. Hussey, Sarah Jane Taber, Deborah W. Crosman, Ruth Ann Nichols, Mary C. Baylies, Myra E. Fry, Sarah A. Hill, Elizabeth Nichols, Ellen K. Buffum, Susan H. Hoxie, Louisa P. Hoag, Anna G. Wood, Lizzie M. Hawkes.

Their names were approved, and we desire that they will ask for strength of Him who giveth liberally, to enable them to labor effectually for the advancement of a literary and religious education of our youth.

The committee appointed this afternoon have presented the names of Samuel Boyce, Eli Jones, Joseph Cartland, William O. Newhall, Henry T. Wood, Eliza B. Boyce, Sybil Jones, Gertrude W. Cartland, Rebecca C. Grinnell, and Susan Taber, as delegates to the conference proposed by Western Yearly Meeting to be held in the eleventh month next.

These names are approved, and they are desired to attend said conference on our behalf, provided all the American Yearly Meetings which have been referred to, join in this important engagement.

The clerk is authorized to make any necessary extracts from our minutes.

Thomas Harkness is reappointed treasurer of the Boarding School Fund for the ensuing year.

William C. Taber is appointed to assist the clerk in causing two thousand copies of the minutes of this meeting to be printed, and sent down to the Quarterly Meetings in the usual proportions for distribution.

The important business which has claimed our attention during this meeting has been transacted in much love and

Christian condescension. We are engaged to return thanks to our Heavenly Father, who has mercifully granted us an evidence that He has been in our midst. We separate in brotherly love, proposing to meet again at this place at the usual time next year, if the Lord permit.

Signed on behalf of the meeting.

CHARLES R. TUCKER, Clerk.

MINUTES

OF

NEW ENGLAND YEARLY MEETING

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MINUTES.

At the Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England, held on Rhode Island, commencing at Newport the 14th of 6th mo., 1873.

By the reports received from our several Quarterly Meetings, it appears that the following Friends have been appointed representatives to this meeting, viz. :

From RHODE ISLAND — Perez Peck, Nathan Chase, William Sherman, Samuel R. Buffington, Thomas B. Buffum, Peter H. Collins, Thomas Harkness, Stephen Chase, Joseph Cartland, Gideon C. Smith, George L. Collins, Obadiah Chase.

From SALEM — Thomas Folsom, Stephen Beede, Joshua Buxton, Jr., Simon G. Gove, John Paige, Joseph S. Nichols, John H. Crossman, Samuel P. Johnson, Charles H. Thorndike, Daniel Beede.

From SANDWICH — Joseph Grinnell, Joseph S. Tillinghast, Edward W. Howland, Edward G. Dillingham, Samuel Rodman, David K. Akin, Newell Hoxie, Arnold Gifford, Otis Slocum, Charles R. Tucker, Nathaniel Gifford, William C. Taber, Josiah Holmes, Jr.

From FALMOUTH — Nathan Douglass, Lemuel Jones, Stephen Cartland, Abram Winslow, Freeman Andrews, Edward S. Hacker, Elisha Jones, Charles A. Nichols.

From SMITHFIELD — Edward Earle, Thomas Grover, Timothy K. Earle, Abel C. Munroe, Reuben A. Wheeler, Jonathan F. Southwick, Isaac Steere, John Barnes.

From VASSALBOROUGH — Eli Jones, Thomas B. Nichols, Zachheus Goddard, Jedediah J. Varney, Stephen Jones, Jonathan Estes, Caleb Jones, John A. Frye, Charles H. Pope, Charles B. Cates.

From DOVER — Jacob K. Purinton, Timothy B. Hussey, Tobias Meader, Joseph H. Pratt, Beede Varney, George Estes.

From FAIRFIELD — Reuben T. Jones, Moses Bailey, Joseph Taylor, Job D. Shepard, and Joseph E. Briggs.

1. On the call of their names, they were present except four; for the absence of two reasons were given.

2. Our beloved friend William Greene is acceptably in the attendance of this meeting, and presented satisfactory testimonials from the Monthly Meeting of Lisburn, held 3d mo. 13th, 1873, the Quarterly Meeting of Ulster, and the Yearly Meeting of Ministers and Elders for Ireland, held in Dublin in the 5th month, 1873.

3. We also have acceptably in the attendance of this meeting our beloved friends Jonathan Devoll, of New York Yearly Meeting; Ruth Lloyd and David B. Updegraff, of Ohio Yearly Meeting; William Haughton and Luke Woodard, of Indiana Yearly Meeting; Barnabas C. Hobbs, of Western Yearly Meeting; Charles A. and Mary H. Tebbets, of Iowa Yearly Meeting; and William Wetherald, of Canada Yearly Meeting. Certificates from their respective meetings, expressing unity with them as ministers, and with their religious engagements, were read.

4. Our beloved friends Mary Jane Devoll, an Elder, who accompanies her husband, Jonathan Devoll; Isaac McKeel, an Elder from Amawalk Monthly Meeting, New York; George M. Sisson, from Scipio Monthly Meeting, New York, companion to our friend William Greene; Elvira T. Woodard, who accompanies her husband Luke Woodard; and Joseph

Griffin, companion to William Haughton, are acceptably present with us, and presented satisfactory minutes from their respective meetings.

5. Truly acceptable Epistles from our friends of the Yearly Meetings of London, Ireland, New York, Baltimore, North Carolina, Ohio, Indiana, Western, Iowa, Kansas, and from friends in Norway, were received and read. In these communications of brotherly love from Friends comprising those Yearly Meetings, they have afresh been brought sweetly to our remembrance, and we are comforted in believing that however widely we are separated we are one in Christ. We appoint the following Friends to prepare, as way may open for it, essays of Epistles to those meetings, and also to Canada, from which no Epistle has been received, and present them to a future sitting of this meeting, viz. : Newell Hoxie, William C. Taber, James B. Congdon, William A. Brown, Henry T. Wood, Eli Jones, Benjamin H. Jones, Samuel Austin, Samuel Buffum, Moses Bailey, David K. Akin, Lemuel Jones, Obadiah Chase, Joseph Cartland, Thomas B. Nichols, Isaac Steere, Charles B. Cates, Stephen Jones, Joseph E. Macomber, William O. Newhall, Daniel Wheeler Swift, Silas H. Cartland, Timothy B. Hussey, Charles A. Nichols, Matthew Howland, John F. Chase, Thomas B. Buffum, and John D. Lang.

6. The General Epistle of London Yearly Meeting for the year 1872 was now read. The meeting was deeply interested, and we trust comforted, by the excellent counsel which it contained. We appoint William C. Taber and Samuel H. Colton to cause a reprint of 5000 copies, to be placed in the hands of the representatives to this meeting, to be conveyed to our subordinate meetings for distribution among our members and others.

7. Communications have been received at this time from Dudley P. Leavitt, pastor of the First Methodist Episcopal Society, offering the use of their meeting-house for us to occupy during our meeting, and especially on First-day; from Charles Howard Malcom, pastor of the Second Baptist Society of this city, offering the use of their house on First-day afternoon, and the Bethel at 4½ P. M. to-morrow; and from

Edwin F. Jones, pastor of the Thames Street Methodist Episcopal Church, offering the use of their house for worship on First-day evening at 7 45.

8. This meeting accepts the offers so freely made as a renewed evidence of the Christian love and regard of these societies to Friends, and we appoint George Bowen, Edward W. Howland, Henry T. Wood, Eli Jones, Thomas B. Bufum, and William Taber, to make such arrangements with our ministering friends as way may open, for holding meetings in some or all of those places for worship; and the clerk is directed to furnish them with copies of this minute, as it relates to them respectively.

Adjourned to the 4th hour this P. M.

Afternoon. — The meeting again assembled.

9. Stephen Jones, on behalf of the representatives, reported that they had conferred together, and were united in proposing Charles R. Tucker for Clerk and William O. Newhall for Assistant Clerk, which being approved by the meeting, they were appointed to those stations for one year, or until another appointment.

10. The committee in charge of our boarding school submitted the subjoined report, which being read and considered was approved by the meeting, and we appoint the following Friends to unite with a similar committee of Women Friends, to consider of and propose to a future sitting the names of a suitable committee to have charge of that institution for the ensuing year, and report upon any subject which in their opinion will promote the best interest of that school, viz.: Samuel Austin, Obadiah Chase, Joseph Cartland, Samuel R. Buffington, William O. Newhall, William A. Brown, Thomas Folsom, Moses Sawyer, George Howland, Jr., Newell Hoxie, David K. Akin, William P. Macomber, Charles A. Nichols, Lemuel Jones, George Douglas, Oliver Robinson, Samuel H. Colton, Edward Earle, Richard Battey, Jonathan F. Southwick, Charles B. Cates, Eli Jones, Thomas B. Nichols, Zaccheus Goddard, Timothy B. Hussey, Albert C. Hill, Joseph H. Pratt, Amos D. Purinton, Cyrus E. Hoxie, Isaac W. Hawkes, Reuben T. Jones, and Moses Bailey.

TO THE YEARLY MEETING:

The committee in charge of the boarding school at Providence report that attention has been given to the object of their appointment, and that it gives them much satisfaction to state that the institution has, with the divine blessing, continued to prosper. The enlarged accommodations for the pupils, and the improved arrangements made last season for their comfort and convenience, have proved quite equal to the expectations formed.

The rooms in the boys' wing which had been deficient are now very complete. Their school-room is seventy-two feet by forty, with the ceiling seventeen feet high, open to the light on three sides, and well ventilated. Their class rooms are spacious and convenient. There are twenty-eight lodging-rooms in the new building, which with those reported last year will lodge one hundred thirty boys and their caretakers. A commodious dining-room, seventy feet by forty, in the basement of the boys' wing, which will seat all the pupils under the direct supervision of their teachers, has been fitted up, and is now in satisfactory occupation. The committee feel that they can commend the establishment to the favorable notice of Friends, on account of its superior advantages for promoting the health, comfort and well-being of the pupils, the good order that is maintained among them, and for the satisfactory moral and religious influence which prevails both among them and the officers of the school.

The number of pupils during the Autumn term was two hundred and five, viz., one hundred thirty boys and seventy-five girls. Spring term, two hundred six, viz., one hundred thirty boys and seventy-six girls.

The officers of the school the year now drawing to a close have been: Albert K. Smiley, principal; Alfred H. Smiley, associate principal; Rebecca H. Smiley, principal of the female department; John Rowell, George E. Dudley, Alice R. Wing, Bessie T. Wing, Martha G. Read, and Mary Amy Collins, teachers of English branches; Thomas J. Battey, teacher of natural science; Daniel C. Maxfield, teacher of mathematics; Alonzo Williams, teacher of Greek, Latin, and German; J. Lewis Diman, lecturer on history; and Katharine H. Austin, teacher of drawing. And the committee feel it right to acknowledge their faithful services, as evinced by the satisfactory progress of the pupils in their studies.

The pupils and family attend the meeting for worship held in Providence on First-day forenoons, and in the middle of the week. On First-day afternoons the pupils are exercised with scripture

lessons. Portions of scripture are daily read at the breakfast table, and also by the assembled school before retiring for the night.

Although no cases of severe illness have occurred the past year, yet during the Spring term there were very many cases of juvenile diseases which required an unusual amount of care and attention on the part of the nurses and family, and the additional rooms and appliances provided for the sick have proved eminently useful.

The payments made on account of the new buildings, alterations in the dining and class-rooms, new drains, steam heating apparatus, introducing aqueduct water, &c., as reported by the building committee, amount to \$43,124.92.

The present indebtedness of the school, 6th mo. 3, 1873, is as follows :

Due the Treasurer of the Yearly meeting for money loaned by him,	\$18,720.00	
For interest,	374.33	\$19,094.33
Due A. K. Smiley for bills paid by him,		2,445.02
Due additional drain to connect with sewer on Arlington street,		700.00
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		\$22,239.35
Less.—Estimated amount of earnings of the school the present year, to be applied to the reduction of the above debt,		6,050.00
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Net amount of indebtedness,		\$16,189.35

The auditing committee has presented statements of the receipts and expenditures of the school fund and of the charitable fund, including the Ebenezer Metcalf and other donations. They are as follows :

SCHOOL FUND.

Balance of this fund last year,	\$18.38	
Income from the fund,	6,272.26	\$6,290.64
Paid insurance premium,	\$305.00	
Less premium returned,	139.95	\$165.05
Paid A. K. Smiley,	6,125.59	\$6,290.64

CHARITABLE FUNDS.

Balance on hand last year, 5th mo., 1872,	\$819.25	
Income from the fund,	2,024.76	\$2,844.01
Paid school bills,	\$2,000.00	
Balance on hand 5th mo., 1873,	844.01	\$2,844.01

It is thought that twenty pupils may be admitted on the fund the ensuing year.

The expenditures of the school the present year for provisions, wages, salaries and annual repairs, as near as can now be ascer-

tained, have been \$43,092.09; and the average number of pupils attending it $186\frac{3}{4}$, which gives the cost of board and tuition for each pupil to be \$230.74 for the school year of forty weeks.

It is with satisfaction the committee can state that the percentage of Friends' children belonging to this Yearly Meeting in attendance the present year has been larger than for many years past.

It is proposed that the present charge for board and tuition be continued the ensuing year, viz. :

For members of our Yearly Meeting,	\$100.00
For members of other Yearly Meetings, or where one or both parents are members of our religious society, or for scholars sent at the expense of such,	190.00
For all others that may be admitted,	300.00

An additional charge of ten dollars to be made for one year's instruction in Greek, Latin, French, German, or Drawing. One-half payable at the commencement of the year, and one-half at the opening after recess.

By direction of the committee.

WM. C. TABER, Clerk.

Providence, 6th mo. 3, 1873.

NOTE.—The Autumn term begins 9 mo. 3, 1873, and closes 1 mo. 21, 1874.
The Winter recess begins 1 mo. 21, 1874, and closes 2 mo. 4, 1874.
The Spring term begins 2 mo. 4, 1874, and closes 6 mo. 24, 1874.

Regulations of the School Committee. — Applications for admission to the school should be made seasonably for the meeting of the committee on the fifth of eighth month next. Those who are members of our Yearly Meeting will have precedence of all others to that date, after which applications will be considered in the order in which they are received. Those who desire the benefit of the charitable fund, or the Ebenezer Metcalf donation, should apply at the time specified. And in all cases information is expected of the age, moral habits and literary attainments of the applicants.

All applications should be made to the principal. Address, Albert K. Smiley, Principal Friends' Boarding School, Providence, R. I.

11. Our several Quarterly Meetings report that they have paid, or directed to be paid, their respective proportions of stock to our Treasurer. We appoint Thomas Harkness, Owen Dame, David Kelley, George Douglass, Samuel H. Colton, Charles B. Cates, Samuel Buffum, and Isaac W. Hawkes, to audit and settle the Treasurer's account, to pro-

pose a sum sufficient to be raised for the use of this meeting for the ensuing year, and the name of a Friend for Treasurer, and also the name of a Friend for Treasurer of the Boarding School Fund, and report to a future sitting.

12. We appoint James Dennis, John F. Chase, Matthew Howland, Lemuel Jones, Timothy K. Earle, Jonathan Estes, Samuel Buffum, and Henry Winslow, to prepare a summary of the Answers to the Queries received from our Quarterly Meetings, and present it to our next sitting.

13. The records of our last Yearly Meeting were now read.

14. Eli Jones, Henry T. Wood, and William A. Brown, were appointed to make arrangements, as to place and time, for the various committees to meet which are appointed on the service of this meeting.

15. We are informed by the accounts from our Quarterly Meetings, that Rhode Island Quarter has united with Rhode Island Monthly Meeting in acknowledging the gift, and approving the public ministry of Abner Potter, Jr., and in the appointment of Hannah Williams to the station of Elder; with Greenwich Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Charles W. Earle to the same station, and with Swanzey Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Joseph C. Anthony, Nathan Chase, and Phebe S. Anthony, to the same station.

William Chase, an Elder, and a member of Swanzey Monthly Meeting, died 10th mo. 26th, 1872, aged 76 years 4 months and 21 days; and Ruth B. Buffinton, an Elder, and a member of the same meeting, deceased 2d mo. 9th, 1873, aged 78 years and 15 days.

Salem Quarterly Meeting has united with Salem Monthly Meeting in acknowledging the gift, and approving the public ministry of William O. Newhall, and in the appointment of Joseph S. Nichols, Owen Dame, Mary J. Paige, and Tacy P. Hawkes, to the station of Elder; and with Weare Monthly Meeting in acknowledging the gift, and approving the public ministry of Charles H. Jones, and Hannah B. Sawyer, and in the appointment of Franklin T. Huntington and Lavina G. Huntington to the station of Elder.

Nathan Breed, an Elder, and a member of Salem Monthly

Meeting, died 7th mo. 15th, 1872, aged 78 years 5 months and 17 days; and Elizabeth Gove, a minister and a member of Seabrook Monthly Meeting, deceased 4th mo. 29th, 1873, aged 76 years 11 months 1 day.

Sandwich Quarterly Meeting has united with Dartmouth Monthly Meeting, in acknowledging the gift and approving the public ministry of George W. Francis.

Joseph Kempton, an Elder, and a member of New Bedford Monthly Meeting, died 5th mo. 22d, 1872, aged 80 years 7 months 3 days; William P. Howland, an Elder, and a member of the same meeting, deceased 9th mo. 29th, 1872, aged 59 years 11 months 10 days; Elizabeth Swift, an Elder, and a member of Sandwich Monthly Meeting, died 11th mo. 3d, 1872, aged 79 years 11 months 3 days.

Mary Hoag, a minister, and a member of Sandwich Monthly Meeting, has removed to Oblong Monthly Meeting, N. Y.; and David Dudley, a minister, and a member of the same meeting, has removed to Springfield Monthly Meeting, Kansas.

Falmouth Quarterly Meeting reports that it has united with Durham Monthly Meeting in acknowledging the gift, and approving the public ministry of Amos Lunt, and with the same meeting, in the appointment of Charles W. Webber and Miriam C. Webber to the station of Elder; with Limington Monthly Meeting in acknowledging the gift and approving the public ministry of James Cartland, John B. Cartland, and Charles C. Varney.

Lydia Allen, a minister, and a member of Windham Monthly Meeting, died 3d mo. 9th, 1873, aged 87 years 3 months 10 days.

Smithfield Quarterly Meeting informs that Albert S. Payson, a minister, and a member of Smithfield Monthly Meeting, died 2d mo. 23d, 1873, aged 56 years 9 months 4 days.

Vassalborough Quarterly Meeting has united with Vassalborough Monthly Meeting in acknowledging the gift and approving the public ministry of Sarah W. Goddard, and with China Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Eliza Jane Jones to the station of Elder.

Edmund Cates, an Elder, and a member of Vassalborough

Monthly Meeting, died 10th mo. 5, 1872, aged 76 years 1 month 5 days; Benjamin Worth, a minister, and member of the same meeting, deceased 2d mo. 27th, 1873, aged 83 years 1 month 25 days; Desire D. Abbot, a minister, and a member of China Monthly Meeting, died 8th mo. 12, 1872, aged 71 years 5 months 6 days; Susanna Jones, an Elder, and a member of the same meeting, deceased 3d mo. 6th, 1873, aged 94 years, 2 months, 18 days; and Sophia Jones, an Elder, and member of the same meeting, departed this life 3d mo. 15th, 1873, aged 79 years 14 days.

Fairfield Quarter reports that it has united with Litchfield Monthly Meeting in the acknowledgment of the gift and the approval of the public ministry of Harriet N. Jones. Mary F. Burbank, an Elder, and a member of the same meeting, died 8 mo. 25, 1872, aged 72 years 4 months 25 days; and Caleb Hawkes, an Elder, and a member of the same meeting, deceased 5 mo. 30, 1873, aged 84 years less one day.

Adjourned to 10 o'clock on Second-day morning, the 16th.

SECOND-DAY — *Morning*. — Convened according to adjournment.

16. The representatives present except four.

17. The appointments of correspondents have been reported by the Quarterly Meetings as follows, viz.:

For Rhode Island Monthly Meeting — Abner Potter, Jr. His address is Portsmouth, R. I.

For Salem Monthly Meeting — Moses F. Rogers. His address is Lynn, Mass.

For Vassalborough Monthly Meeting — Thomas B. Nichols. His address is East Vassalborough, Maine.

18. Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting reports that a part of the sessions of Greenwich Monthly Meeting have been discontinued; those only being held which precede the Quarterly Meeting, viz., at Coventry in the 4th and 7th months, and at East Greenwich in the 10th and 1st months.

19. A minute of concurrence from Short Creek Monthly Meeting, Ohio, for Judith C. Johnson, who accompanies our friend Ruth Lloyd, was read at this time. She is acceptably with us.

20. The following summary of the Answers to the Queries from the Yearly Meeting of Ministers and Elders was received and read.

SUMMARY

OF THE ANSWERS RECORDED BY THE YEARLY MEETING OF MINISTERS AND ELDERS FROM THEIR SEVERAL QUARTERLY MEETINGS.

1st. Ministers and Elders are diligent in attending their meetings for worship and discipline, with "little exception" reported from one Quarterly Meeting, and are careful to promote the attendance of their families.

2d. The lives and conversation of Ministers and Elders are in a good degree clean and blameless among men. Some exception is stated to be apparent in one Quarterly Meeting. They are preserved in a good degree of unity among themselves, and with the meetings to which they belong, with some exceptions in the Answers from two Quarters; in good measure harmonizing in labor for the honor of truth.

3d. They endeavor to rule their own houses well, and by example and precept to train up their families in a religious life and conversation, consistent with our religious profession.

4th. They are in a good degree preserved in love, and are concerned to administer encouragement and counsel, as occasion may require, in reference to ministry or conduct.

21. The meeting now proceeded to enter upon the consideration of the state of society, under, we trust, a precious covering of the Lord's spirit, by reading the Answers to the Queries from our several Quarterly Meetings; and, having proceeded as far as the answers to the first query, the meeting then adjourned to the fourth hour this afternoon, when the meeting again assembled and completed the reading of the answers.

22. During the time spent in this interesting service, a lively sense of the love of the blessed Head of the church was witnessed. Information from our subordinate meetings gave evidence of our weakness, and of our need of Divine help. Our absent brethren were remembered with earnest desires for their good, and we were brought into an exercise on account of the loss sustained by those who, from the cares of the world, or from an indifference for the best welfare of

their souls, neglect the attendance of our meetings, giving an evidence to their friends that there is a want of love in their hearts for Christ who bought them, and is still waiting to be gracious, and ready to bestow upon them his choicest blessings. What a loss such have sustained ! what a loss the church has sustained ! Do we as members of the Society of Friends know ? Do we as Christians manifest that we are a spiritually minded people, seeking to worship God in spirit and in truth ? If we obey the great commandment, we shall esteem it not only a duty, but a privilege, to attend our religious meetings.

Love, we were told, is very expansive ; it would influence our wills, so that we should love the Lord ; our love would then go out to Him, and we should be brought into harmony with the divine love, and be under the influence of the divine power ; our intellect would become submissive to this love, and we should then understand our relation with the Lord our God. We shall then understand our relationship to man, and why Christ died for us ; we shall realize the value of an immortal soul, and shall see that when Christ comes to make up his Kingdom he will hold the scales of Justice and Mercy in an even hand.

By their fruits ye shall know them ; for the love is the fruit of the spirit, and "the love of God," said the apostle, "is shed abroad in your hearts." There is an eye that penetrates the inmost recesses of our souls, and we know whether our hearts condemn us or not.

If we attempt to associate with those who have on the wedding garments we shall be confounded, unless we have pure hearts. Know we not that we are poor, naked, blind, and in need of all things, and that our correct lives will not avail us unless our souls are filled with the love of Christ ? Satan is equally busy in all parts of the world, and is there not a want of that vitalizing power to go out and strengthen those in the younger walks of life ? Prayer would then be going forth from our small meetings, and we would become attractive to those around us, and through this same love of Jesus Christ in our hearts we would become valiant laborers in the cause of winning souls to Him. We were shown that

we were the recipients of choice blessings, and greater the blessings greater the responsibility.

Much sympathy was expressed with business men, who are daily brought in contact with men of the world; and they were encouraged to keep to and manifest a prayerful spirit on all occasions. Their cares are many; they have to compete with shrewd men; hence the need of a constant watch, so as not to bring dishonor on the cause. This class of men can be very useful, for God intends that we should use all the faculties which He has given us, and through his grace they may be instrumental in promoting the Kingdom of our blessed Redeemer; and by their daily walk an evidence would be given that they were living prayerful lives, and were truly witnesses for the cause of Christ. There are in the paths of all men constant opportunities to render great assistance to those who are in need of sympathy and love.

We were told that in order to have a healthy church we must have children in it; for if there are none, where will the members come from to build up and strengthen the church of Christ? We were exhorted to go to the Lord in prayer for our children, and ask Him to teach them of his ways and call them into his vineyard, that they may become valuable laborers in his cause. The highest position a man can occupy is to be an ambassador for Christ, to gather precious souls into his fold. God desires to turn the hearts of the fathers to the children, and the hearts of the children to the fathers; if fathers will consecrate themselves to Jesus Christ their Saviour, he will bless them and their children, and they together will be made to joy and rejoice in his precious love.

Let us have a deep reverence for the Holy Scriptures; let us never be ashamed to own the Bible; it is the only book given to us by the inspiration of God.

When we speak of the spirit of Christ, we speak of that which is above all things, and if we ever succeed in putting to flight the shafts of infidelity, and breaking up the strongholds of error and of sin, it must be through fervent, earnest prayer to Him who is a hearer and answerer of the prayers of his children, and who will, in his own good time, give all such an inheritance amongst them that are sanctified.

SUMMARY ANSWERS.

1st. All our meetings for worship and discipline have been regularly held, except forty-two sessions, (including three Preparative Meetings,) omitted on account of inclement weather, and a few other omissions not enumerated. On First-day mornings most Friends are engaged to attend them duly and at the time appointed. Midweek meetings and those for Discipline are much neglected by some. Mostly clear of unbecoming behavior; some care taken.

2d. Love and unity appear to be maintained, with little exception, and detraction mostly guarded against. When differences arise, endeavors are used to end them.

3d. We believe most Friends are careful to maintain a religious life and conversation, and by example and precept to train up their children, or others under their charge, in accordance with our Christian profession; but some of our members are remiss in these important duties.

4th. We believe that, with little exception, the Holy Scriptures are frequently read in Friends' families, individually as well as collectively, and those under their care encouraged in the daily perusal of them. Our testimony to a free gospel ministry appears to be maintained, with a few exceptions.

5th. With the exception of seven cases mentioned, the use of intoxicating liquors appears to be mostly avoided. Careful, with little exception, to avoid amusements and diversions inconsistent with a Christian character, and to observe moderation in all things.

6th. Care is taken to relieve the necessities of the poor; to educate their children; and to assist them in obtaining suitable employment.

7th. Clear as to military matters. Mostly clear in regard to oaths. No case of defrauding the public revenue.

8th. Friends are generally careful to inspect their affairs and settle their accounts, and, with few exceptions, are punctual to their promises, just in the payment of debts, and careful to live within the bounds of their circumstances.

9th. Generally careful as to records; some removals without certificates, most of which are under notice.

10th. Friends appear careful to administer the discipline in Christian tenderness and impartially, but not always as timely as would be desirable. We believe judgment is placed, when necessary, in the authority of Truth, and according to Discipline.

Adjourned to 10 A. M. to-morrow morning.

THIRD-DAY — *Morning, the 17th*, the meeting met pursuant to adjournment.

23. The representatives present, except three.

24. We have at this meeting the company of our beloved friends Hannah Pumphrey, of England, a minister of the gospel, who is accompanied by her husband, Edwin Pumphrey, a member deeply concerned for the prosperity of the Truth. They presented satisfactory certificates from the Monthly Meeting of Newcastle-on-Tyne, dated the 12th of 3d month, 1873; and from Durham Quarterly Meeting, and the Yearly Meeting of Ministers and Elders, held in London the 20th of 5th month last; all expressing unity and sympathy with them in their weighty engagements. Our love goes out to these dear friends, and we extend to them a cordial welcome, and desire their preservation and encouragement.

25. Our beloved friend, Rufus P. King, is acceptably present at this meeting, and presented satisfactory testimonials from Walnut Ridge Monthly and Walnut Ridge Quarterly Meetings, of Indiana Yearly Meeting. We welcome him as a brother beloved.

26. In the reports from four of our Quarterly Meetings, some changes to be made in time and manner of holding said meetings are requested. This proposition we refer to the representatives now in attendance of this meeting, for them to take into consideration and report at a future sitting.

27. The committee appointed last year to cause an edition of our Discipline to be printed, made the following report, viz. :

TO THE YEARLY MEETING :

The committee appointed last year for that purpose have caused an edition of 1000 copies of the revised book of Discipline to be printed, from which our subordinate meetings have been supplied with the number of copies requisite for their use. The remainder of the edition has been placed in the hands of the treasurer of this meeting, for sale to our members at fifty cents per copy.

The committee also procured the printing of blank forms of record of membership, as prescribed on page 125 of the Discipline,

which were forwarded in due proportions to each of our Quarterly Meetings, for distribution to the several Monthly Meetings.

CHARLES TABER.

JOHN MILTON EARLE.

WM. C. TABER.

6th mo. 14, 1873.

HENRY T. WOOD.

This report was acceptable to the meeting, and they are released from further service.

28. The following accounts of statistics have been compiled from the reports of our Quarterly Meetings, giving the various changes which have taken place the past year, which show a decrease of 56 in the number of our members, leaving the present number 4405.

	Births.	Deaths.	Removed Info.	Removed Out.	Admitted.	Disowned or Released.	Whole Number.
Rhode Island, . . .	4	14	24	6	1	3	674
Salem,	8	17	15	3	6	5	717
Sandwich,	3	34	5	14	15	1	786
Falmouth,	4	11	0	11	1	4	547
Smithfield,	0	4	1	1	4	0	406
Vassalborough, . .	11	18	0	4	11	3	587
Dover,	2	4	0	9	2	0	323
Fairfield,	3	10	0	3	3	0	365
	35	112	45	51	43	16	4405

Adjourned to 4 o'clock this P. M., to meet in joint session with Women Friends.

Afternoon. — The meeting assembled in joint session.

29. The records of our Representative Meeting were now read for the past year, and approved by this meeting.

They having referred to us the concern of this Yearly Meeting relating to the improvement of the Indians in the far west, their recommendation was united with and accepted by us.

We appoint Thomas B. Buffum, Gertrude W. Cartland,

Owen Dame, Ann Maria Coffin, Joseph Grinnell, Rebecca C. Grinnell, Lemuel Jones, Jane C. Minot, Richard Battey, Abby S. Battey, Charles B. Cates, Margaret B. Cates, Albert C. Buffum, Huldah S. Buffum, Moses Bailey, and Hannah J. Bailey, to present the names at a future sitting of a suitable committee to take charge of this concern on behalf of this meeting.

30. The joint committee appointed last year upon the subject of holding General Meetings presented the following report, viz. :

The joint committee appointed to hold General Meetings for Divine Worship within our limits, report that meetings have been held at New Bedford, Westport, and Somerset, in Massachusetts ; and at St. Albans, China, Unity, and North Berwick, in Maine ; all of which have been attended by some of the committee.

We have reverently to acknowledge that these meetings were owned and blessed by the Head of the church, and the baptism of the Holy Spirit was witnessed. We believe that hereby the church has been strengthened, love one to another has been increased, the lukewarm and indifferent have been aroused, and sinners have been brought to Christ. These meetings were conducted according to the good order of Friends, and if, in a few instances, circumstances have occurred that excited anxious fears in the minds of some, to the comfort and relief of the honest-hearted the Lord's power has been witnessed again and again to be over all, to deliver from the power of the enemy. Glory be to his great name for ever and ever.

We believe much good may arise from them to Friends and others in the neighborhood where they are held, and the cause of Truth will be promoted if they are properly conducted.

In conclusion, we can thankfully acknowledge that the dear Master has blessed the work, at times begun in much weakness, and would recommend that they be held during another year under the care of a committee.

We have to regret the removal by death of our friend Thomas E. Steere, who acted as clerk of our committee. He was much interested in the work, and faithful in the performance of his duties, and we feel the loss, while assured that with him all is well.

On behalf of the committee.

EDW. W. HOWLAND.

SUSAN TABER.

Newport, 6 mo. 16, 1873.

Which was read, and was acceptable to the meeting; and we are made glad and are comforted in believing that this work has been blessed of the Lord to the rejoicing of many hearts. Not a few have experienced through the blessings of the Most High the love of Jesus to be precious to their souls. The committee appointed last year are reappointed on that service for the ensuing year. Our hearts go out to our loving Lord in asking him to be with this committee, and guide them through the coming year, so that their labor may be to his praise and to the building up of his church upon the earth.

Our Quarterly Meetings are requested to appoint committees to cooperate with our committee, in considering of any application, and deciding the same, which may be made for holding a General Meeting.

Names of Committee. — George Bowen, Gideon C. Smith, Cynthia Bowen, Gertrude W. Cartland, Samuel Boyce, John Paige, Eliza B. Boyce, Abigail M. Hanson, William C. Taber, David K. Akin, Anna G. Wood, Susan Taber, Abraham Winslow, Elisha Jones, Jane C. Minot, Eunice D. Cartland, Richard Battey, Samuel H. Colton, Ann K. Colton, Lydia Haight, Eli Jones, Stephen Jones, Sybil Jones, Ann E. Lang, Albert C. Buffum, Joseph H. Pratt, Martha E. Pratt, Hannah G. Sawyer, Joseph Taylor, Charles F. Coffin, Sen., Lavinia M. Briggs, Hannah J. Bailey, Abner Slade, Stephen Beede, Edward W. Howland, Rachel S. Howland, Maria B. Jones, Eliza P. Gardner, and Ruth S. Wood; and Thomas B. Buffum in place of Thomas E. Steere, deceased.

Adjourned, to meet in joint session again at 11 o'clock A. M. to-morrow.

FOURTH-DAY — *Morning, the 18th.* — Friends again assembled in joint session.

31. The committee having in charge the concern of this Yearly Meeting on behalf of the Freedmen, submitted the following report, to wit :

The committee on the affairs of the Freedmen report that there has been but little done the past year.

The educational department of the city of Washington have kept good schools in our Mission buildings, so that many of the

scholars who commenced under our care have continued to attend school at the same place.

A large and well conducted First-day school has been held at Lincoln Institute, very near our buildings, and those who formerly assisted us in our schools have transferred their labors to that place, thus keeping much of the same influence.

Our friends John C. and Hannah Gove have lived for the past year at the Mission House, and the Meeting for Friends of the city has been regularly held in the parlor. It has been small, but we doubt not has proved a comfort to the Friends who have attended there.

Our devoted missionary, Sarah E. Wall, spent the larger part of last year at the Mission, and has recently gone again. It is her intention to continue her sewing school for girls, and to visit the families, instructing them in Christian virtue and household duties. Her services are voluntary, and very satisfactory. The urgent need of more missionary effort for the moral and religious culture of these people is now pressing, and the committee have felt desirous of sending some persons rightly qualified for this self-sacrificing labor to other fields of service the coming autumn. Should any of our members feel drawn to this service from a sense of duty to this people, they are desired to communicate with the committee which may be appointed by the Yearly Meeting.

The committee had hoped to close up our interest at this locality before this time, but no favorable offer having been made for the land it has not been done. It is now our view that it will be best to sell the land and pay the debt, and if there are any funds left after so doing that they shall be held by the trustees, under the direction of the committee, which we would recommend should be continued.

As we look upon the improvement which has been made in the condition of the Freed-people since our first efforts among them, we feel bound to acknowledge that the Lord has blessed our labors from the beginning.

On behalf of the committee.

EDW. W. HOWLAND.

ANN B. EARLE.

We herewith present our financial report :

FRIENDS' FREEDMEN'S MISSION AT WASHINGTON, TO EDWARD W. HOWLAND, DR.

1872.

6 mo. 16th. Balance due Edward W. Howland, . . . \$4,004.17

1873.

1 mo. 7. Paid Hannah S. Macomber estate, 191.19
6 mo. 16. Interest on the above to date, 286.06 \$4,481.42

CR.

1873.

1 mo. 2. Received from John C. Gove, household
furniture, \$67.45
Rents and payments on houses, 186.60
5 mo. Rents and payments on houses, 256.00
6 mo. 16. Interest on the above, 9.74
Balance due Edward W. Howland, 3,961.63 \$4,481.42

Errors excepted.

EDW. W. HOWLAND.

The doings of the committee the past year are acceptable to this meeting, and feeling drawn to carry forward this interesting work, we reappoint the same committee, except Thomas E. Steere, deceased, viz.: Edward W. Howland, Benjamin Buffum, William C. Taber, Samuel Boyce, Edward Earle, John G. Whittier, Joseph Cartland, Charles B. Cates, Joseph Grinnell, Timothy B. Hussey, Charles F. Coffin, Henry T. Wood, Moses Sawyer, William A. Brown, Ann B. Earle, Gulielma W. Howland, Ellen K. Buffum, Gertrude W. Cartland, Eliza B. Boyce, Rebecca C. Grinnell, Anna G. Wood, Susan Taber, Ann Maria Coffin, Ruth B. Gifford, Elizabeth H. Newhall, Mercy Osborn, Margaret B. Cates, and Hannah B. Sawyer, to act on our behalf for the ensuing year, in accordance with the recommendations of the report, and in such manner and upon such subjects as will tend to promote the welfare of this interesting class of our fellow-men; and may the Lord still be pleased to bless our efforts.

32. The subject of Foreign Missions was introduced to us at this time by our dear friend Charles F. Coffin, of Indiana, who has travelled extensively in distant lands, and who placed before us in a very impressive manner the great need there is of the spread and teaching of the gospel of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ in various lands. The sub-

ject, we believe, was prayerfully considered, and earnest desires were expressed by many Friends that we might keep it alive in our minds, and, by watchful and careful attention to the leadings and promptings of truth, be prepared to embrace every right opening for the spread of the gospel and the advancement of the Lord's kingdom in the earth, remembering the words of the prophet, "Blessed are ye that sow beside all waters." Joseph H. Atwater, Isaac Steere, George Howland, Jr., Joseph E. Macomber, Jabez Wood, and Charles F. Coffin, are appointed to unite with a similar committee of Women Friends to present to this meeting the names of a suitable committee, to take charge of the concern of this meeting upon this important subject.

33. The committee reported the following names :

Names of Committee. — Eli Jones, Sybil Jones, Ellen L. Congdon, Joseph E. Macomber, Timothy K. Earle, Rebecca H. Smiley, John H. Crosman, Thomas Wood, Susan Taber, Deborah W. Crosman, Harriet N. Jones, George Howland, Jr., Sylvia G. Howland, Jabez Wood, Charles M. Bailey, Albert C. Buffum, Ann B. Earle, Charles C. Varney, Lydia Ann Cartland, Abby S. Battey, Lydia E. Sawyer, Mary B. Breed of Weare, Anna G. Wood, Charles B. Cates, Margaret B. Cates, Obadiah Chase.

Adjourned, to meet in separate sessions at 4 P. M.

Afternoon. — Friends assembled at the appointed hour.

34. The joint committee appointed for that service, have presented the following names to constitute a school committee for the ensuing year, viz.: Benjamin Buffum, Charles F. Coffin, Edward W. Howland, Oliver Robinson, Edward Earle, Timothy B. Hussey, Thomas B. Nichols, Moses Bailey, William C. Taber, Charles R. Tucker, Samuel Austin, George Howland, Jr., Gideon C. Smith, Sarah F. Tobey, Ann Maria Coffin, Gulielma W. Howland, Mary C. Hawkes, Ann B. Earle, Anna M. Hussey, Ruthanna H. Nichols, Hannah J. Bailey, Dorcas B. Robinson, Ellen K. Buffum, Laura S. Collins, Rebecca C. Grinnell, and Mary A. Smith.

These names were approved, and they are encouraged to labor to promote the best interest of that institution.

35. The joint committee under appointment by this meeting to promote the education of the youth of our society and others, presented the following interesting report, to wit:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION.

TO THE YEARLY MEETING:

We have received statistics from all the Monthly Meetings except one, and present the following report:

The number of Monthly Meeting schools,	1
The number of family schools,	1
The number of children who have attended school the past year, . . .	573
The number who have attended school taught by Friends or under their control,	272
The number obtaining education at academies and colleges not under the care of Friends,	37
The number of members engaged in teaching,	106
The number of First-day schools under the care of Friends,	49
The average time of holding said schools,	10 mos.
The whole number attending the same,	2374
The average number,	1450
The number of our members attending,	1039
The number over twenty-one years of age,	738
The number of Friends over twenty-one years of age,	667
The number of teachers,	231
The number of Bible classes not connected with said schools,	8
The average time,	4 mos.
The whole number belonging to the same,	149
Average number,	94
The number of Friends belonging to such,	83
The number of Particular Meetings without school or Bible class, . .	24

Although there has not been as much accomplished during the past year as we could wish, though our progress has been slow, we trust many of the committee have been faithful in the discharge of their duty, and with real heartfelt interest and steady perseverance in the work many obstacles have been overcome, and their efforts blessed; and while we realize the importance of this great work, how surprising that any should allow worldly pursuits to occupy so much of our time and attention, that we are unable to give the children that aid, counsel and encouragement they so much need! We all have a part of the work to perform, and our Heavenly Father is ever ready to bestow help upon all who come to him asking in faith. May we each more fully realize our responsibility, and manifest a deeper interest in the religious training of these the lambs of the fold. It is cause of much regret that there should be

any meeting without a First-day school; and while we are aware that in some localities circumstances seem very unfavorable, when we witness the increased interest in some of these schools where there seemed to be but little encouragement when they were commenced, is it not cause of deep thankfulness that such have been maintained? And while we see the fields white unto harvest and the great need of earnest laborers, ought we not to use every means in our power to establish such schools?

An Educational Conference was held in the eighth month last at Lynn, where questions of importance were ably discussed.

In conclusion, we would again urge Friends to give increased attention to this important subject, and impress upon all the necessity of devoting at least one session of the Yearly Meeting to its consideration; for we are convinced that if our religious society would occupy that position which our Father in Heaven designs we should fill, we must be more thoroughly educated and become better prepared to enter the more extensive fields of usefulness which are open before us, and that we should place our children in the care of teachers who are not only thoroughly imbued with our religious principles, but who are practical devoted Christians.

On behalf of the committee.

LYDIA E. SAWYER, Secretary.

Newport, 6 mo. 18, 1873.

Which was read, considered, and approved by the meeting. While many discouragements have appeared in the way of a more thorough system of education, we feel engaged to encourage earnest labor in that work, believing that a blessing will be witnessed by both parents and children, especially in the cause of First-day schools.

36. The committee appointed last year are continued on this service for the ensuing year, and we feel drawn in tender sympathy with them in this religious engagement.

37. The committee having charge of the concern of this Yearly Meeting for circulating such documents and information as may tend to the spreading of the principles of Peace, have presented the following narrative of their labors the past year.

TO THE YEARLY MEETING:

The joint committee to promote efforts in the cause of Peace, report that little has been attempted during the past year beyond

the dissemination of reading matter through various channels, bearing upon this interesting subject. Many books, including Dymond's Essay, The Manual of Peace, Social Evils of War, Hancock on Peace, The Right Way, and others of a narrative description, have been distributed. Large numbers of Tracts and smaller pamphlets have also been circulated in various parts of New England. Although some have manifested indifference to the subject, yet by a large class this matter is not only kindly received, but is, we believe, read with thoughtful appreciation. Patient continuance in well doing is a needed qualification to the successful laborer in this field.

The balance of money in the hands of the committee last		
year was	\$225.07	
Contributions received,	11.00	\$236.07
Paid for books and tracts from various sources,	\$8.56	
For expense of transportation,	2.25	
Balance in hands of the committee,	225.26	\$236.07

A public meeting was held last evening in our meeting-house for the promotion of the cause of Peace, which was largely attended by Friends and others. Interesting and encouraging addresses were made by a number of the associated committees of other Yearly Meetings on this subject.

We believe there is still room for labor in different parts of New England, in the dissemination of reading matter in a convenient form, which will maintain our testimony to Peace on Christian grounds, and will also diffuse more adequate views of the terrible evils of war.

On behalf of the committee.

ELI JONES.

SUSAN TABER.

Newport, 6th mo. 18, 1873.

By which we are encouraged, although way has not opened for extensive labor in disseminating amongst the public such documents as tend to the spreading of the principles of Peace. The committee are reappointed, and we desire they may be enabled to occupy every opening for the spreading of the principles which are in such perfect harmony with the teachings of our blessed Lord.

Names of Committee. — *Men* — Eli Jones, David Buffum, John H. Crosman, Joseph H. Atwater, Timothy B. Hussey, Matthew Howland, Charles C. Varney, Edward W. Howland,

Samuel R. Buffinton, Joseph Cartland, George Richardson, Charles M. Bailey, Charles Taber, Gideon Wood, Jabez Wood, Thomas B. Nichols, Joseph E. Macomber, Henry T. Wood, Nathaniel Gifford, George H. Pope, Herod Chase, Charles A. Nichols, Edward Y. Austin.

Women — Ann K. Colton, Rachel S. Howland, Susan Taber, Dorcas F. Tucker, Eliza B. Boyce, Abigail C. Beede, Gertrude W. Cartland, Ann B. Earle, Narcissa Jacobs, Sybil Jones, Dorcas B. Robinson, Anna T. Dennis, Ellen K. Buf-fum, Mary A. Smith, Abby S. Battey, and Sylvia G. Howland.

38. The following interesting report has been received from the committee who have the past year been laboring to promote the well-being and improvement of the Penobscot and Passamaquoddy tribes of Indians :

TO THE YEARLY MEETING :

The committee on the concern of this meeting for the improvement of the Penobscot and Passamaquoddy tribes of Indians, report that in the 9th month last a visit was made by seven of our number to the Penobscot tribe, at their settlement on Oldtown Island, in the Penobscot river, Maine. The time proved favorable, and nearly all the tribe were found at home, as the considerable portion of their number who spend the summer months in excursions to various places of resort for the purpose of selling their baskets and other articles of traffic had lately returned. We were received with cordiality by the officers and people of the tribe, and a full opportunity was afforded us to learn their present condition, their wants, their complaints, and to some extent their present and future needs. Some progress is apparent in their condition, particularly as respects their houses and manner of living ; but the education of the younger portion of the tribe is still much retarded, while party spirit and a prejudice, which requires great prudence to meet, have been serious obstacles to their advancement. We are not without hope, however, that a continued oversight and a readiness to embrace any opening to aid them may ere long more fully answer the concern long felt by Friends for the welfare of this people.

In one way we may aid them in the immediate future. By uniting with the legal authorities in an endeavor to procure interested and efficient teachers for their schools, and by frequent visits to

these schools to urge the teachers to faithful and patient application and the children in their regular attendance, we hope to raise the standard of education among them.

No opening to visit the Passamaquoddies was found last year.

The number composing each tribe continues nearly the same.

Of the sum of \$100 appropriated for the concern last year, only \$32 was drawn from the treasury. We recommend that the committee be again allowed to expend \$100, should they find that sum needful in the work assigned us.

On behalf of the committee.

ELI JONES.

JAMES B. CONGDON.

TIMOTHY HANSON.

Newport, 6th mo. 18, 1873.

This report being more extended than those for several years past, encourages us to believe from the information given in the report, and verbal statements made by members of the committee, that the care which this Yearly Meeting has from time to time exercised on behalf of that people has not been in vain.

The improvement in their manner of living and moral condition encourages us to continue the committee for the ensuing year, desiring that a blessing may attend the efforts which they may be enabled to put forth for the literary and religious advancement of the remnants of what were once powerful tribes. Our treasurer is directed to place one hundred dollars at the disposal of the committee.

Names of Committee.—Stephen Jones, John D. Lang, James B. Congdon, Henry T. Wood, Eli Jones, Alfred H. Jones, Timothy Hanson, George Richardson, Josiah Philbrook, Paul Wing, Augustine Jones, Edward Earle, and Joseph Briggs.

39. The representatives in the attendance of this Yearly Meeting, in accordance with the provision of our discipline, have presented the following list of names to constitute a Representative Meeting for the ensuing year, viz.: Thomas Harkness, Perez Peck, Obadiah Chase, Moses Sawyer, Stephen Chase, Phebe P. Jones, George Bowen, Newell Hoxie, Stephen Jones, Gulielma W. Howland, Charles R. Tucker,

Joseph Cartland, Sarah F. Tobey, Ellen K. Buffum, Charles F. Coffin, Stephen Beede, William A. Brown, Owen Dame, Abigail C. Beede, Abigail M. Hanson, George Howland, Jr., Edward W. Howland, David K. Akin, Rachel S. Howland, David Kelley, Anna G. Wood, Susan Taber, William C. Taber, Charles A. Nichols, Lemuel Jones, Jane C. Minot, Esther Jones, Freeman Andrews, Edward Earle, Samuel H. Colton, Richard Battey, Ann K. Colton, Ann B. Earle, Eli Jones, Charles B. Cates, Thomas B. Nichols, Jonathan Estes, William O. Newhall, Sybil Jones, Margaret B. Cates, Jacob K. Purinton, Timothy B. Hussey, Anna M. Hussey, Hannah G. Sawyer, Moses Bailey, Hannah J. Bailey, Reuben T. Jones, Thomas B. Buffum.

The nomination was approved, and they are appointed to act on our behalf during the recess of the Yearly Meeting, and report to us their doings next year.

Adjourned to 3 o'clock P. M. to-morrow.

FIFTH-DAY — *Afternoon*. — Friends met agreeable to adjournment.

40. The committee appointed to cause a reprint of 5000 copies of the London General Epistle, to be placed in the hands of the representatives from our several Quarterly Meetings, report that the service has been performed.

41. An Epistle from our beloved friends of Canada Yearly Meeting being received was read, which brought this meeting into near sympathy with the Friends composing that meeting in Christian fellowship.

42. The committee appointed in joint session to nominate a committee to carry out the concern of the Yearly Meeting for the Indians west of the Mississippi river, presented the following report :

TO THE YEARLY MEETING :

The committee appointed in joint session to nominate a committee to carry out the concern of this meeting on behalf of the Indians, are united in proposing the following named Friends for that service, viz. : Joseph Cartland, Joseph E. Macomber, Sarah F. Tobey, Cynthia Bowen, Charles F. Coffin, Moses Sawyer, Ann Maria Coffin, Hannah B. Sawyer, Edward W. Howland, Henry T.

Wood, Phebe Slocum, Rebecca Ewer, Freeman Andrews, Charles Albert Nichols, Jane C. Minot, Myra E. Frye, Edward Earle, Richard Battey, Ann B. Earle, Abby S. Battey, John D. Lang, Charles B. Cates, Margaret B. Cates, Louisa L. Osborn, Amos D. Purinton, Timothy B. Hussey, Anna M. Hussey, Maria Purinton, Moses Bailey, Isaac Warren Hawkes, Hannah J. Bailey, Lavinia Briggs, Eli Jones, Thomas B. Buffum, Thomas J. Battey, Rebecca H. Smiley, Charles M. Bailey, Sarah Marble, Timothy K. Earle, Lydia Haight, Thomas Wood, Mary C. Baylies, George Howland, Jr., John H. Crosman, Gulielma W. Howland, and David Kelley.

For the committee.

OWEN DAME.

REBECCA C. GRINNELL.

Newport, 6th mo. 18th, 1873.

These names are approved, and they are appointed to act on behalf of this meeting for the ensuing year, by the appointment of sub-committees or otherwise, as will in their judgment best promote this interesting engagement.

43. The committee appointed last year to represent this meeting in the General Conference, which was proposed by Western Yearly Meeting, informed us that the conference was not held, because all the American Yearly Meetings did not come into the arrangement.

44. The committee appointed to audit and settle the treasurer's account, and for other purposes, rendered the following statement, viz. :

TO THE YEARLY MEETING :

The committee appointed to examine and settle the treasurer's account and propose the amount to be raised for the ensuing year, and the name of a Friend for treasurer, and also the name of a Friend for treasurer of the school fund, have attended to their appointment, and report as follows :

RECEIPTS.

Balance in cash from last year's account,	\$2,896.75
Received from the Quarterly Meetings,	5,000.00
For interest on Boston bonds,	600.00
For dividends of Eagle Bank,	150.00
For books of discipline,	210.50
From H. T. Wood, (Indian Com.), unexpended,	68.00
For M. B. Jenkins's note,	571.40
For interest on same,	49.60
	\$9,546.25

EXPENDITURES.

Paid travelling expenses of Friends in attendance of

Yearly Meeting,	\$632.00	
Sundry expenses at Newport, Yearly Meeting week,	670.43	
H. T. Wood, (Indian Committee,)	100.00	
For recording,	76.30	
Associated Executive Indian Committee,	340.00	
For printing Book of Discipline, Minutes, &c.,	942.32	
Interest on notes,	725.00	
On principal of outstanding notes,	1,950.00	
Rent of room for Boston meeting,	381.00	
For two bonds for \$600, F. & P. M. R. R.,	595.26	
Cash on hand,	3,133.94	\$9,546.25

We find proper vouchers for all the expenditures. The present indebtedness of the meeting in notes is \$21,370, and there is due from the school to the treasurer of the Yearly Meeting \$19,095. We propose that the sum of three thousand dollars be raised for the use of the meeting the ensuing year, and George Howland, Jr., for treasurer for the Yearly Meeting, and Thomas Harkness treasurer of the school fund.

For the committee.

OWEN DAME.

THOMAS HARKNESS.

Newport, 6 mo. 18th, 1873.

Which is approved by this meeting, and our several Quarterly Meetings are directed to forward to our friend George Howland, Jr., who is reappointed treasurer of this meeting, their respective proportions of the sum proposed to be raised (\$3,000) for the service of the Yearly Meeting. Thomas Harkness is reappointed treasurer of the boarding school fund for the ensuing year.

44. The representatives, to whom was referred the proposition to change the time of holding some of our Quarterly Meetings, submitted the following, to wit:

TO THE YEARLY MEETING:

The representatives to whom was referred the proposition to change the time of holding some of our Quarterly Meetings, report that we have conferred together, and are united in proposing that Salem, Dover, Falmouth, and Fairfield, respectively, be held on the seventh day of the week preceding that on which they have hitherto been held; that the Quarterly Meeting of Ministers and Elders be

held the day previous; and that the meeting held on the day following the Quarters, respectively, be considered a part of said Quarter and under its care.

On behalf of the meeting of representatives.

ELI JONES, Clerk.

The changes proposed are approved by this meeting, and the clerk is directed to furnish the Quarterly Meetings respectively with a copy of this minute.

45. Essays of Epistles addressed to the Yearly Meetings of London, Ireland, New York, Baltimore, North Carolina, Ohio, Indiana, Western, Iowa, Canada, Kansas, and to Friends in Norway, were read and approved; and the clerk is directed to revise and sign them on behalf of this meeting, and forward them to those meetings respectively.

46. The clerk is directed to sign on our behalf the following minute for our beloved friend William Greene:

47. *To the Monthly and Quarterly Meetings of Lisburn, and the Yearly Meeting of Ministers and Elders for Ireland:*

DEAR FRIENDS, — Our beloved friend William Greene attended this Yearly Meeting, and presented satisfactory certificates from your several meetings. We feel bound to state that his gospel labors have been truly acceptable and edifying to us, evincing that they had their root and spring in that love which seeks the spiritual welfare of all. The example of his consistent Christian walk in the meekness and gentleness of Christ has been an instructive lesson to us.

48. The clerk was also directed to sign on our behalf the annexed minute for our beloved friends Edwin Pumphrey and his wife, Hannah Pumphrey:

49. *To the Monthly Meeting of Newcastle-on-Tyne, the Quarterly Meeting of Durham, and the Yearly Meeting of Ministers and Elders of London Yearly Meeting:*

DEAR FRIENDS, — Our beloved friends Edwin and Hannah Pumphrey attended several of the sittings of this Yearly Meeting, and presented satisfactory certificates from your several meetings. Their company and gospel labors have been acceptable and edifying to us.

50. The clerk is directed to sign on behalf of this meeting the following minute for our friend Jonathan Devoll, and similar ones for Ruth Lloyd, David B. Updegraff, Barnabas C. Hobbs, William Haughton, Luke Woodard, Rufus P. King, Charles A. and Mary H. Tebbets, and William Wetherald, viz. :

Our beloved friend Jonathan Devoll attended this meeting. His company and religious services have been acceptable to us.

51. The clerk is also directed to sign on our behalf the following minute for Mary Jane Devoll, and similar ones for our friends George M. Sisson, Isaac Mekeel, Judith C. Johnson, Joseph Griffin, Elvira T. Woodard :

Our beloved friend Mary Jane Devoll attended this meeting. Her company has been acceptable to us.

52. The clerk is directed to cause 2000 copies of the minutes of this meeting to be printed, and sent down to our Quarterly Meetings for distribution among our members ; and William C. Taber is appointed to assist the clerk in this work.

53. The clerk is directed to make any necessary extracts from our minutes, and sign them on our behalf.

54. The business of the meeting is closed, and having been favored to transact the weighty affairs of the church that have come before us in much harmony, and having as we trust been favored to sit as under the droppings of the sanctuary, witnessing from sitting to sitting the overshadowing wings of a Heavenly Father's love, we conclude, proposing to meet again at this place at the usual time next year if the Lord permit.

Signed on behalf of the meeting.

CHARLES R. TUCKER, Clerk.

MINUTES

OF

NEW ENGLAND YEARLY MEETING

OF

FRIENDS.

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MINUTES.

At the Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England, held on Rhode Island, commencing at Newport the 13th of 6th mo., 1874.

By the reports received from our several Quarterly Meetings, we are informed that the following named Friends have been appointed representatives to this meeting, viz. :

From RHODE ISLAND — Perez Peck, Abner Slade, Samuel R. Buffinton, Levi Almy, Thomas B. Buffum, George Bowen, Joseph Cartland, Obadiah Chase, James R. Collins, Samuel Austin, Benjamin Buffum, William H. Perry.

From SALEM — John Paige, Daniel Beede, Moses Huntington, Timothy Hanson, Owen Dame, Moses Sawyer, William O. Newhall, Thomas Folsom, James P. Boyce, William A. Brown, Moses F. Rogers, Samuel P. Johnson, Benjamin H. Jones, John H. Crosman, Charles H. Jones, Philip Chase.

From SANDWICH — George Howland, Jr., Edward W. Howland, Joseph S. Tillinghast, Charles Fisher, David K. Akin, Jabéz Wood, Nathan T. Shepherd, Newell Hoxie, William C. Taber, Benjamin Gifford, Isaac R. Gifford, Charles R. Tucker, Edward G. Dillingham, Josiah Holmes, Jr., Arnold Gifford.

From FALMOUTH — Abram Winslow, Augustus F. Cox, Freeman Andrews, George Douglass, Edward C. Jones, Charles A. Nichols, Clark N. Maxfield, Cyrus Cartland, Lemuel Jones.

From SMITHFIELD — Edward Earle, Jonathan F. Southwick, Isaac Steere, Reuben A. Wheeler, Nelson Taft, Anthony Chase, Thomas Grover, Richard Battey, Thomas A. Wheeler, Timothy K. Earle.

From VASSALBOROUGH — Eli Jones, Thomas B. Nichols, George W. Moulton, Robert Hanson, William H. Cates, Josiah Philbrook, Jeremiah R. Jones, Stephen Jones, Charles B. Cates, Elisha Mosher.

From DOVER — Jacob K. Purinton, Joseph H. Pratt, John Estes, Timothy B. Hussey, Tobias Meader, William Jepson, Russell Hoag.

From FAIRFIELD — Joseph Taylor, Noah Farr, George Richardson, Reuben T. Jones, Henry Winslow, and Moses Bailey.

1. On calling their names, they were present, except six; reasons were given for the absence of three.

2. We have acceptably in the attendance of this meeting beloved friends from the following Yearly Meetings, viz.: Rebecca Collins, of New York; James C. Thomas, of Baltimore; Allen Jay and William A. Symmes, of North Carolina; Caroline E. Talbot, of Ohio; Isaac Jay and John P. Pennington, of Indiana; Rebecca Clauson, of Western; Elwood Ozbun, Daniel Fry, and Josiah Dillon, of Iowa; and Eliza H. Varney, of Canada. Certificates from their respective meetings, expressing unity with them as ministers and with their religious engagements, were read.

3. We have also the acceptable company of our beloved friends Charles S. Hubbard and Alida Clark, of Indiana Yearly Meeting. Certificates for them from the missionary board of that Yearly Meeting, expressive of unity with them as ministers and with their religious engagements, were read.

4. Our beloved friends Martha A. Jay, an Elder, who accompanies her husband Allen Jay, Elizabeth H. Burgess, an Elder, companion to Rebecca Clauson, and Judith Fry, an Elder, who accompanies her husband Daniel Fry, Lydia Oz-

bun, who accompanies her husband Elwood Ozbun, Levi Varney, companion to his wife Eliza H. Varney, are acceptably with us, and presented satisfactory Minutes from their respective meetings.

5. We are in receipt of truly acceptable Epistles from our friends of the Yearly Meetings of Ireland, New York, Baltimore, North Carolina, Ohio, Indiana, Western, Iowa, Canada, Kansas, and from friends with whom we correspond in Norway, which have been read. These communications of brotherly love from Friends of those Yearly Meetings have sweetly brought them afresh to our remembrance in the love of the Gospel, and our hearts are comforted in believing that we are one in Christ.

6. We appoint the following friends to prepare, as way may open, Essays of Epistles to those meetings, including friends in Norway, and to London, from which no Epistle has yet come to hand, and present them to a future sitting, viz. : Eli Jones, William C. Taber, Henry T. Wood, Obadiah Chase, Josiah Holmes, Jr., John D. Lang, Matthew Howland, Newell Hoxie, Lemuel Jones, William A. Brown, David K. Akin, Thomas B. Buffum, Joseph Cartland, George Richardson, John Paige, John A. Macomber, Albert K. Smiley, Isaac Steere, Edward Earle, Samuel R. Buffinton, Zephaniah Breed, Augustine Jones, John H. Crosman, James P. Boyce, John F. Tucker, Thomas B. Nichols, Benjamin H. Jones, Timothy K. Earle, Owen Dame, Timothy B. Hussey, Charles A. Nichols, Albert C. Buffum, Charles B. Cates, Josiah Philbrook, Joseph H. Pratt, William C. Munro, William H. Perry, James R. Taber.

7. We have received communications addressed to this meeting from W. F. Whitcher, pastor of the First Methodist Episcopal Society, offering the use of their meeting-house, on Marlborough street, for Friends to occupy on First-day afternoon ; and from S. Leader, pastor of the Thames Street M. E. Society, extending to us the use of their house of worship for occupancy on First-day afternoon and evening.

8. The offerings thus freely made are grateful to our feel-

ings, and are a renewed evidence of Christian courtesy and love from those societies to Friends, and we refer the subject for consideration and arrangement to the following friends, viz., George Bowen, Henry T. Wood, Eli Jones, Edward Earle, George Howland, Jr., Joseph Cartland, Richard Battey, and Thomas B. Buffum, whom we appoint to unite with a similar committee of women Friends on this concern, and to make such arrangements during this Yearly Meeting for meetings for religious worship as way may open for in the truth; and they are requested to make arrangements as to place and time for the various committees to meet, which are appointed on the service of this meeting.

The clerk is directed to furnish the above-named societies with copies of this Minute, so far as it relates to each respectively.

Adjourned to 4 o'clock this afternoon.

Afternoon.—Friends met according to adjournment.

9. Stephen Jones, on behalf of the representatives, reported that they had conferred together, and were united in proposing Charles R. Tucker for Clerk, and William O. Newhall for Assistant Clerk, which, being separately considered, were approved by the meeting, and they are appointed to those services for the year ensuing, or until another appointment.

10. The London Epistle of the present year has been received in this meeting, the reading of which has brought those dear friends, though widely separated, very near to us in spirit, in the bonds of Christian love. It is referred to our committee on correspondence.

11. Our several Quarterly Meetings report that they have paid, or directed to be paid, their proportion of stock called for last year, to our Treasurer. We appoint Thomas Harkness, Owen Dame, David Kelley, George Douglass, Samuel H. Colton, Charles B. Cates, Jacob K. Purinton, and Henry Winslow, to audit and settle the Treasurer's account; to propose a sum sufficient to be raised for the use of this meeting the ensuing year; and the name of a friend for Treasurer;

and also the name of a friend for Treasurer of the Boarding School Fund, and report at a future sitting.

12. We appoint Albert K. Smiley, Moses F. Rogers, Matthew Howland, Charles W. Goddard, Thomas A. Wheeler, Thomas B. Nichols, Timothy B. Hussey, and George Richardson, to prepare a summary of the answers to the Queries from our Quarterly Meetings, and present it to our next session.

13. Our beloved friend David Tatum, from Ohio, is acceptably in the attendance of this meeting. Certificates from his Monthly and Quarterly Meetings have been read, expressing unity with his ministry and with his present engagements.

14. We are informed by the accounts from our Quarterly Meetings that Dartmouth Monthly Meeting has appointed George W. Francis its correspondent; address, Dartmouth, Mass.

15. Westport Monthly Meeting has appointed James A. Gifford correspondent of that meeting; address, Central Village, Mass.

16. New Bedford Monthly Meeting has appointed George Howland, Jr., its correspondent; address, New Bedford, Mass.

17. Timothy B. Hussey is appointed correspondent of Berwick Monthly Meeting; address, North Berwick, Maine.

18. Reuben T. Jones has been appointed correspondent of Litchfield Monthly Meeting; address, Winthrop, Maine.

19. Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting has united with Rhode Island Monthly Meeting in acknowledging the gift and approving the public ministry of Thomas B. Buffum, and in the appointment of Margaret Anthony and George Bowen to the station of Elder. And it has also united with South Kingston Monthly Meeting in acknowledging the gift and approving the public ministry of Edward W. Collins; and with the same meeting in the appointment of Ruth Ann Collins to the station of Elder. David Buffum, an Elder, a member of Rhode Island Monthly Meeting, deceased 12 mo. 28th, 1873, aged 86 years 3 days. Ruth Chase, wife of Stephen, of the

same meeting, an Elder, died 1 mo. 31st, 1874, aged 73 years 7 months and 6 days. Mary D. Collins, an Elder, a member of South Kingston Monthly Meeting, died 7 mo. 9th, 1873, aged 62 years 6 months and 14 days.

20. Salem Quarterly Meeting has united with Salem Monthly Meeting in withdrawing its acknowledgment of the ministry of Samuel Boyce, and with Seabrook Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Thomas Folsom to the station of Elder; and with Weare Monthly Meeting in acknowledging the gift and approving the public ministry of Huldah E. Jones and Lavina G. Huntington.

Daniel Paige, a minister, and a member of Salem Monthly Meeting, deceased 1 mo. 10th, 1874, aged 65 years 8 months and 10 days; Hannah Paige, an Elder, and a member of the same meeting, died 5 mo. 10th, 1874, aged 67 years 10 months and 20 days.

21. Sandwich Quarterly Meeting has united with Westport Monthly Meeting in acknowledging the gift and approving the public ministry of Mary E. Gifford; with Sandwich Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Joseph Hoxie to the station of Elder; and with Dartmouth Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Ephraim Gifford to the same station. Mary R. Wing, an Elder, a member of Sandwich Monthly Meeting, deceased 9 mo. 19th, 1873, aged 73 years 4 days.

22. Falmouth Quarterly Meeting has united with Durham Monthly Meeting in acknowledging the gift and approving the public ministry of Josiah A. Prescott, Edward S. Hacker, and Martha M. Varney, and in the appointment of Lemuel Jones, Elvira R. Andrews and Phebe R. Cartland to the station of Elder; with Windham Monthly Meeting in acknowledging the gift and approving the public ministry of Phebe L. Pope; and with Limington Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Anna Cartland to the station of Elder. Nancy Maxfield, an Elder, a member of Windham Monthly Meeting, died 9 mo. 17th, 1873, aged 92 years 20 days.

23. Vassalborough Quarterly Meeting has united with Vassalborough Monthly Meeting in the appointment of La-

vinia J. Taber, Esther B. Taber, Eliza P. Gardner and Rebecca S. Pope to the station of Elder. Fanny Cole, an Elder, a member of Vassalborough Monthly Meeting, died 8 mo. 10th, 1873, aged 66 years 11 months 26 days; Sybil Jones, a minister, and member of China Monthly Meeting, deceased 12 mo. 4th, 1873, aged 65 years 9 months 6 days.

24. Dover Quarterly Meeting reports that Isaac Varney, an Elder, a member of Berwick Monthly Meeting, deceased 4 mo. 26th, 1874.

25. Fairfield Quarterly Meeting has united with Sidney Monthly Meeting in acknowledging the gift and approving the public ministry of Mary Alice Gifford; with the same meeting in the appointment of Mary Gifford and Isaac Winslow; with Litchfield Monthly Meeting in appointing Phebe P. Jones and Lavinia M. Briggs; and with Saint Albans Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Joseph Winslow to the station of Elder. Charles F. Coffin, a minister, and member of Sidney Monthly Meeting, died 12 mo. 19th, 1873, aged 79 years 8 months 2 days; Marcia P. Hawkes, an Elder, a member of Litchfield Monthly Meeting, deceased 11 mo. 28th, 1873.

26. The following summary of the Answers to the Queries from the Yearly Meeting of Ministers and Elders was received and read.

ANSWER 1st. Ministers and elders are diligent in attending their meetings for worship and discipline, with one or two exceptions reported from one Quarterly Meeting, and careful to promote the attendance of their families.

2d. The lives and conversation of ministers and elders are in good measure clean and blameless among men, and with some exception they are in unity one with another, and with the meeting to which they belong, endeavoring to harmonize in labor for the honor of truth.

3d. With little exception ministers and elders are careful to rule their own houses well, and endeavor by example and precept to train up their families in a religious life and conversation consistent with our christian profession.

4th. Ministers and elders are generally preserved in love, with

slight exception mentioned in one report, and are engaged to administer encouragement or counsel as occasion may require, in reference to ministry or conduct.

27. The Boarding School Committee have laid before the meeting the following report, viz. :

TO THE YEARLY MEETING :

The committee intrusted with the care and management of the boarding school at Providence, report :—that they have given such attention to its concerns as way has opened for, and feel warranted in stating their belief that the institution, as to its educational capacity, the situation of its financial affairs, and the religious feeling that appears to pervade in an encouraging degree the inmates of the school, was probably never in a better condition.

Since last year the school has grown decidedly in numbers, being now much larger than ever before. The advance in scholarship has also been marked ; nearly all the old officers, with their additional experience, have been retained, and courses of lectures by three Professors in Brown University have been established, in addition to the regular studies.

The number of pupils during the Autumn term was two hundred twenty-two, viz., one hundred forty-three boys and seventy-nine girls. Spring term, two hundred nineteen, viz., one hundred forty-one boys and seventy-eight girls.

Notwithstanding the large number of pupils that have been provided for within its walls, with the blessing of a kind Providence, but few cases of severe sickness have occurred. During the Fall term the school was remarkably free from illness of any kind, while during the Spring term, although colds have prevailed to some extent, and a number of cases of mild disease have occurred, with a few instances of a more aggravated type, one of which proved fatal, yet the health of the school has been generally good. The case referred to was Ednah L. Barker, the daughter of Adams J. Barker, of Woonsocket. She died of rheumatic fever, and our principal informed us that the sweetness and patience with which she bore her painful illness was a teaching lesson to all around her.

The officers of the school are : Albert K. Smiley, principal ; Rebecca H. Smiley, principal of the female department ; John Rowell, Job S. Gidley, Alice R. Wing, Bessie T. Wing, Martha G. Read, and Mary Amy Collins, teachers of English branches ; Thomas J.

Batthey, teacher of natural science; Daniel C. Maxfield, teacher of mathematics; Alonzo Williams, teacher of Greek, Latin, and German; Clarkson Collins, assistant teacher of Latin; Charles H. Gates, teacher of French; Louis Deman, teacher of history; and Katherine H. Austin, teacher of drawing.

After consideration of the subject, the committee came to the conclusion, that the best interests of the school would be promoted by returning to the former practice of holding religious meetings for the pupils and family at the school-house. Accordingly, stated meetings for divine worship are now held in the hall of the institution on First-days at 11 o'clock A. M., and on Fourth-days at the same hour. These meetings have been attended by one or more members of the committee, and have been held to good satisfaction. The quiet and orderly deportment of the young people on these occasions has been very commendable. First-day afternoons and evenings have been occupied as heretofore.

Since our last Yearly Meeting a house has been erected for the residence of a farmer and his family, at a cost of	\$2,534.63
Payments for additional furniture, water hose, and expense of moving and resetting outbuildings, have amounted to	1,326.94
	<u>\$3,861.57</u>

The annual repairs to the building and furniture paid from the gross receipts of the school have cost over \$4,000.

From the report of the auditing committee, the receipts and expenditures of the school and charitable funds, including the Ebenezer Metcalf and other donations, are as follows:

SCHOOL FUND.

Insurance premium returned,	\$97.80
Income from the investments,	<u>6,732.46</u>
	\$6,830.26
Paid insurance premium, etc.,	\$316.60
Paid A. K. Smiley,	6,231.82
Balance on hand,	281.84
	\$6,830.26

CHARITABLE FUND.

Balance of last year's account,	\$844.01
Income from investments,	<u>2,240.96</u>
	\$3,084.97
Paid school bills,	\$2,050.00
Balance on hand 5 mo., 1874,	1,034.97
	\$3,084.97

This income will warrant the admission of twenty-three pupils on the fund the ensuing year.

The present indebtedness of the school, 6 mo. 2, 1874, is as follows :

Due the treasurer of the Yearly Meeting for money loaned, and interest,	\$15,498.93
On contracts for building a carriage-house, storehouse, shed, etc., now in course of erection,	4,000.00
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	\$19,498.93
Less unexpended amount of estimated profits of school the present year,	3,750.00
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Present indebtedness,	\$15,748.93

It is proposed that the present charge for board and tuition be continued, viz. :

For members of this Yearly Meeting,	\$100
For members of other Yearly Meetings, or where one or both parents are members of our religious society, or for scholars sent at the expense of such,	190
For all others that may be admitted,	300

An additional charge of ten dollars to be made for one year's instruction in Greek, Latin, German, or Drawing, one half payable at the commencement of the year, and one half at the opening after recess.

In conclusion, we feel bound again to commend the school to the special notice and consideration of Friends, believing as we do that we have an institution that is well worthy, from the extent and character of its accommodations and appointments, of the support of the members of our religious society, and that with this united concern for its welfare, and the blessing of Heaven on the well intended efforts of those concerned in its management, it will continue to be an instrumentality for good to the rising generation among us.

On behalf and by direction of the committee.

WM. C. TABER, Clerk.

Providence, 6 mo. 3, 1874.

NOTE.—The Autumn term begins 9 mo. 2, 1874, and closes 1 mo. 20, 1875.

Winter recess begins 1 mo. 20, 1875, closes 2 mo. 3, 1875.

Spring term begins 2 mo. 3, 1875, closes 6 mo. 23, 1875.

Applications for admission to the school should be made seasonably, for the meeting of the committee on the 1st of 8th month next. Those who are members of our Yearly Meeting will have precedence of all

others to that date, after which applications will be acted on in the order in which they are received. Those who desire the benefit of the charitable funds, or of the Ebenezer Metcalf donation, should apply at the time specified. And in all cases information is expected of the age, moral habits, and literary attainments of the applicant.

All applications should be made to the principal. Address Albert K. Smiley, Principal Friends' Boarding School, Providence, R. I.

Which being read and considered, is approved by this meeting, and the committee appointed last year is reappointed on that service, in connection with a similar committee of Women Friends, to have the oversight and charge of the school for the ensuing year, and they are encouraged to labor as ability may be afforded, in promoting the best interest of the institution. The debt against the school of about \$15,700, as shown in the report, it appears may be paid from the funds which are likely to be received from the city of Providence for land taken in the laying out of Lloyd street and the widening of Hope street, as stated by the treasurer of the school fund.

In taking into consideration the large and valuable real estate belonging to the school, which is not at present producing any income beyond what is received from the farm, and a part of the land which was purchased by the Yearly Meeting of the heirs of Thomas L. Halsey having become very valuable, it is the judgment of this meeting that some portion of said land which was purchased as above be sold, when in the opinion of the committee it will best promote the interest of the school. And this meeting recommends that the money received from such sales be added to the permanent fund, the income of which is to be used for schooling of the members of this Yearly Meeting, unless in the judgment of the committee there should exist a necessity for a part of the money to be used for the erection of new fences, and some needed outlay on the original school buildings.

And the school committee is hereby authorized and empowered by this meeting, acting on its behalf, to make sales of such portions of the "Thomas L. Halsey land, so called,"

at such times, and for such sums of money as in their judgment will most favorably promote the objects above named. And George Howland Jr., the treasurer of this Yearly Meeting, or his successor in that office, is hereby authorized and directed to make and execute good and sufficient deeds of conveyance, and sign the same on behalf of this Yearly Meeting, adopting his seal as the corporate seal of this meeting, when requested so to do by the said school committee.

School Committee — Men. — Benjamin Buffum, Charles F. Coffin, Edward W. Howland, Oliver Robinson, Edward Earle, Timothy B. Hussey, Thomas B. Nichols, Moses Bailey, William C. Taber, Charles R. Tucker, Samuel Austin, George Howland, Jr., Gideon C. Smith.

Women. — Sarah F. Tobey, Ann Maria Coffin, Gulielma W. Howland, Mary C. Hawkes, Ann B. Earle, Anna M. Hussey, Ruthanna H. Nichols, Hannah J. Bailey, Dorcas B. Robinson, Ellen K. Buffum, Laura S. Collins, Rebecca C. Grinnell, and Mary A. Smith.

Adjourned to 10 A. M. Second-day morning.

SECOND-DAY — *Morning, 6 mo. 15.* — Friends convened pursuant to adjournment.

28. The representatives present except six; for the absence of one a reason was given.

29. Henry T. Wood, Eli Jones, and William C. Taber, are appointed to embody in a minute the religious exercises of this meeting, during the time occupied in reading the queries and the answers from our Quarterly Meetings, and present it to a future sitting.

30. As we trust, under a precious covering of the Lord's spirit, the meeting entered upon the consideration of the state of society by reading the queries, with the answers from our Quarterly Meetings; and having proceeded in reading the first query, with the answers thereto, the meeting then adjourned to the fourth hour this afternoon, when the meeting again assembled and completed the reading of the answers.

SUMMARY ANSWERS.

1st. All our meetings for worship and discipline have been regularly held, except thirty-eight meetings for worship and three Preparative meetings, many of which were small meetings, omitted on account of inclement weather. Friends are mostly engaged to attend them duly, and at the appointed hour, although the meetings held on First-day afternoons, and in the middle of the week, are much neglected by some; clear of unbecoming behavior with few exceptions; some care taken.

2. Love and unity in a good degree maintained; detraction guarded against with some exception; when differences arise, care is taken to end them.

3. Most Friends are careful to maintain a religious life and conversation, and are endeavoring by example and precept to train up those under their care in accordance with our Christian profession, but an increased attention in some instances to the training of children is desirable.

4. Most Friends frequently read the Holy Scriptures, individually as well as collectively in their families, and generally encourage their children in the practice of this religious duty. Our testimony to a free gospel ministry is maintained with few exceptions.

5. The use of intoxicating liquors as a beverage is avoided, with three exceptions, in one Quarterly Meeting, and a few exceptions in two others. Mostly careful to avoid amusements inconsistent with our religious profession. Moderation generally observed.

6. The circumstances of the poor are attended to; care has been taken to obtain for them suitable employment; the education of their children is provided for.

7. Friends faithfully maintain our testimony against bearing arms and other military matters, against oaths, and against defrauding the public revenue, with some exceptions mentioned in two Quarterly Meetings.

8. Friends are mostly careful to inspect their affairs and settle their accounts, punctual to their promises, and just in the payment of their debts, and careful to live within the bounds of their circumstances.

9. Careful as to records; some removals without certificates.

10. The discipline is administered in christian tenderness and impartiality, but not always so timely as would be best. We trust judgment is placed in the authority of truth, and according to discipline.

31. Our beloved friend Hannah B. Tatum is acceptably in the attendance of this meeting. Certificates from Salem Monthly and Salem Quarterly Meetings, Ohio, have been read, expressing unity with her ministry and with her religious engagements.

Adjourned to the 10th hour to-morrow morning.

THIRD-DAY — *Morning, 6 mo. 16.*— The meeting assembled according to adjournment.

32. Sandwich Quarterly Meeting proposes to change the time of commencing that meeting in the 10th month, from 11 to 10 o'clock A. M., which is approved by this meeting.

33. Vassalborough Quarter proposes to hold that meeting in the second month at China, and that the time for commencing that Quarterly Meeting be changed from 11 to 10 o'clock in the morning, which this meeting approves.

34. The following statistical accounts from our Quarterly Meetings, giving the changes which have taken place in the number of members the past year has been read, stating the present number to be 4397, which shows the number to be eight less than last year.

	Births.	Deaths.	Removed Into.	Removed Out.	Admitted.	Disowned or Released.	Whole Number.
Rhode Island, . . .	3	13	8	13	5	1	667
Salem, . . .	4	17	11	8	6	0	732
Sandwich, . . .	0	16	5	8	15	6	788
Falmouth, . . .	4	6	11	23	6	0	524
Smithfield, . . .	1	9	12	4	8	1	430
Vassalborough, . .	3	10	2	8	7	3	574
Dover, . . .	1	8	0	7	1	1	319
Fairfield, . . .	2	13	4	0	9	1	363
	18	92	53	71	57	13	4397

35. Two of the representatives absent yesterday, are present this morning.

36. The Quarterly Meetings of Falmouth, Vassalborough and Fairfield have requested the Yearly Meeting to consider the propriety of holding its sessions on alternate years in the city of Portland, Maine. The following Friends are appointed to unite with a similar committee of Women Friends in carefully considering this subject, and report their judgment in the case at a future meeting, viz.: Thomas Harkness, George Bowen, William O. Newhall, Thomas Folsom, William C. Taber, George Howland, Jr., Robert Goddard, Lemuel Jones, Richard Battey, Samuel H. Colton, Eli Jones, Charles B. Cates, Albert C. Buffum, Timothy B. Hussey, Moses Bailey, and George Richardson. Women—Gertrude W. Cartland, Anna T. Dennis, Abigail M. Hanson, Mary Alice Brown, Sarah H. Anthony, Dorcas F. Tucker, Mary C. Hawkes, Jane C. Minott, Abby S. Battey, Lydia Haight, Mary C. Jones, Margaret B. Cates, Hannah Meader, Mary G. Estes, Phebe P. Jones, and Hannah J. Bailey.

Adjourned, to meet in joint session with Women Friends at the 4th hour this afternoon.

Afternoon. — Assembled according to adjournment.

37. The records of our Representative Meeting for the past year were now read, and the doings of that meeting are approved by us.

38. A memorial was received, given forth by Seabrook Monthly Meeting, approved by Salem Quarterly Meeting, on behalf of our beloved friend Elizabeth Gove, the reading of which brought this dear servant of the Lord sweetly to our remembrance. She was truly a mother in Israel.

39. The joint committee appointed last year on the subject of Foreign Missions, submitted the following report, viz.:

TO THE YEARLY MEETING:

The joint committee intrusted with the concern of this meeting upon the subject of Foreign Missions, present the following report, viz.:

We deeply felt our insufficiency for the work in this new and untried field, but we thankfully acknowledge that our Heavenly Father has been pleased to open the way for some service in it.

Soon after the Yearly Meeting, letters were received giving the information that Theophilus Waldemeier, a devoted servant of the Lord, with whom Friends in England had been favorably impressed, had felt constrained to leave the schools where he had been employed in Beirut, mainly on account of feeling scrupulous about taking part in the forms and ceremonies required of him therein, although he still felt called to missionary work.

Our committee was called together at Lynn, when the case was laid before them, together with all the information we had obtained respecting the field which seemed opening in Syria, of the situation of Theophilus Waldemeier and his fitness for the work, and of his willingness to carry it on under our direction. After careful consideration of the whole subject, and seeking for direction from the head of the church, we were united in accepting this as a providential opening for the spread of the gospel, and for the advancement of our Lord's kingdom on the earth; and the mission work then entered upon has been mainly under our care, the agent reporting directly to this committee. We were, however, from the first, much encouraged by the assurance of the sympathy and cooperation of English Friends, and they have promptly and efficiently seconded our efforts in the undertaking.

Theophilus Waldemeier is a native of Switzerland; he has had large experience in missionary labor in Abyssinia and other countries. His wife, Susan Waldemeier, is the daughter of an Englishman who for a number of years held a high position in the Abyssinian government. Those acquainted with Theophilus Waldemeier have been favorably impressed with the simple earnestness of his Christian character, while the acquaintance of both with the Arabic language adds greatly to their usefulness in their present position.

Gradually Theophilus Waldemeier has been led to embrace views respecting the prominent doctrines of the gospel, and especially the teachings of the Holy Spirit, in accordance with the principles professed by Friends, and a recent letter states that he has applied for membership among us.

It was at Brumara, in the district of Meten, Syria, about 12 miles from Beirut, on the western slope of Mt. Lebanon, that Theophilus Waldemeier and his beloved companion were, after prayerful consideration, led to locate themselves; and in this land, hallowed with Bible memories, they commenced their work in the 7th month, 1873. It is estimated that this district has a population of 60,000 souls, one half of whom are Maronites, and the others Druses, Greek Catholics, Moslems, &c. Nearly all of them are ignorant and superstitious.

Three schools for children have been established, two at Brumana and one at Beit Meri, a few miles distant. The girls' school at Brumana contains thirty scholars; the boys' school fifty. The boys' school at Beit Meri also numbers fifty scholars. One evening school for adults has also been held at Brumana, and three teachers have been employed. Applications have come from several of the neighboring villages that schools may be established in them, and Theophilus Waldemeier can but recognize in this desire for instruction the Spirit of God working amid this ignorant and degraded people.

No mission has before been established in this district, and the willingness manifested to receive the gospel message is wonderful. Ready access to the people seems to be afforded to Theophilus Waldemeier, sometimes in teaching publicly and from house to house, sometimes more privately, and even secretly in his own dwelling, where several of the priests and monks have resorted to learn of the way of salvation by Jesus Christ, while at other times his house has been thronged by eager listeners, who, from early morning until late in the evening, have come to hear of a Saviour for sinners. He writes, "At one house among the Druses I was received with great gladness, when I spoke to them as I felt moved by the Spirit of the Lord, and all, with the exception of three men, confessed that there is only salvation through Jesus Christ."

Several monks and priests have expressed a desire to renounce their idolatrous worship and burdensome ceremonies, and one has left the convent and placed himself as pupil among the boys in our Mission School at Brumana. Persecution, the sure test of faith, has not been wanting to these, and the Maronite Bishop has threatened the excommunication of all who resort to the Protestant mission, but the people continue to seek to learn the glad tidings of a free salvation, and the Lord still cares for his own.

The influence of Susan Waldemeier among the women has also been blessed, her familiarity with their native tongue enabling her to understand and instruct them with much ease. They appear to be even more ignorant and superstitious than the men, and we would appeal to the highly favored women of our religious society to use their influence in this cause. May it not be considered as a debt that we owe for our especial privileges?

The cost of carrying on the mission work last year was about £200 sterling, or a little upwards of \$1,000. Of this sum Friends in England furnished one half, and the remainder was raised by private subscription almost entirely among Friends in our Yearly Meeting. Some

funds were also furnished in addition, for the schools, by friends of Theophilus Waldemeier in Switzerland.

In looking forward to another year, it appears probable that the field of labor so providentially opened before us will continue to widen. We earnestly desire that Divine Wisdom may guide the counsels of our meeting in regard to a service which we believe the dear Master has laid before Friends of New England. We commend it to the protection of our Father in Heaven, and to the prayerful consideration of Friends.

For the committee.

SUSAN TABER, Clerk.

Newport, 6 mo. 15th, 1874.

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN MISSIONS

IN ACCOUNT WITH GEORGE HOWLAND, JR., TREASURER.

1873.	Dr.		
11 mo.	To cash received at Lynn,	\$174.92	
12 mo.	To cash received at New Bedford,	50.00	
1874.			
2 mo. 6.	To cash collected at Providence,	120.00	
2 mo. 8.	To cash collected at New Bedford,	20.00	
2 mo. 19.	To cash collected from sundry persons,	71.40	
4 mo. 1.	To cash collected at Weare,	23.19	
	To cash collected at New Bedford,	106.00	
5 mo. 25.	To cash from two friends, to support a teacher one year,	150.00	
	To cash from Providence,	3.00	
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		\$718.51	
	To cash from West China Sewing Circle,	20.00	\$738.51
1873.	Cr.		
12 mo. 10.	By cash paid for bill on London, £50,	\$266.45	
1874.			
4 mo. 6.	By cash paid for bill on London, £50,	277.53	
	By balance on hand to new account,	194.53	\$738.51

GEO. HOWLAND, JR., Treasurer.

Newport, 6 mo. 13th, 1874.

40. The amount accomplished by them in the short space of one year is satisfactory to this meeting, and we believe it to be the commencement of a work which, with the Divine blessing, will lead many into the fold of Christ. The committee are continued in that service for the ensuing year, with

the exception of our dear friend Sybil Jones, deceased, and with the addition of Julia Ann Hodgdon and Benjamin F. Knowles. Our prayers go with the committee in this engagement.

41. *Names of Committee.*—Eli Jones, Ellen L. Congdon, Joseph E. Macomber, Timothy K. Earle, Rebecca H. Smiley, John H. Crosman, Thomas Wood, Susan Taber, Deborah W. Crosman, Harriet N. Jones, George Howland, Jr., Sylvia G. Howland, Jabez Wood, Charles M. Bailey, Albert C. Buffum, Ann B. Earle, Charles C. Varney, Lydia Ann Cartland, Abby S. Battey, Lydia E. Sawyer, Mary B. Breed of Weare, Anna G. Wood, Charles B. Cates, Margaret B. Cates, Obadiah Chase, Julia Ann Hodgdon, and Benjamin F. Knowles.

42. The committee on the subject of the Freedmen presented their annual report, which being read awakened a fresh concern for this interesting people, in whose welfare we have long felt a deep interest. The report is acceptable. We appoint Ephraim Gifford, David K. Akin, Obadiah Chase, Charity G. Chase, Ellen L. Congdon, Sarah F. Tobey, and Dorcas F. Tucker, to present to a future sitting the names of a small committee to carry out the recommendations contained in the report for the ensuing year, and the treasurer of this meeting is directed to pay the sum named (three hundred dollars) to said committee, to be used for that service agreeable to the report, and we crave that further blessings may be witnessed through the labors of the committee.

TO THE YEARLY MEETING:

Your committee in charge of the mission for the freed people at Washington, would report,—that during the past year their operations have been mostly confined to the sale of the real estate, which has been sold, and all debts paid; and as by report of the treasurer hereto annexed, it will be seen the balance remaining in their hands is about \$4,700. Victoria Shaw has continued her attendance at Howard University, and will soon complete her second year. She is to have another year before graduation, at which time the Normal School

Fund, from which she has been supported there, will be exhausted. Mary Smith has received tuition at Howard University, but has boarded with our friends John C. and Hannah Gove. We ask for both these girls the care and consideration of the future committee. We would now recommend that the sum of \$300 be raised by this meeting annually and added to the interest of the \$4,700, and the amount thus in hand (about \$600 a year) be placed in the hands of a small and judicious committee, to be expended for the spiritual and educational improvement of the freed people.

For the committee.

EDW. W. HOWLAND.

ANN B. EARLE.

Newport, 6 mo. 16th, 1874.

NEW ENGLAND FRIENDS' MISSION AT WASHINGTON IN ACCOUNT, AND
INTEREST ACCOUNT TO 11 MO. 28TH, 1873, WITH EDWARD W. HOW-
LAND.

DR.

1873.			
6 mo. 16.	To Balance due from old account,	\$3,961.63	
	Interest, 7 per cent., 5 months 12 days,		\$124.79
	Balance of interest account,	55.63	
	Balance of account invested at 7 per cent.,	3,781.74	
		<u>\$7,799.00</u>	<u>\$124.79</u>

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1873.			
8 mo. 2.	By cash received from John C. Gove,	\$2,840.00	
	Interest, 3 months 26 days,		\$64.05
11 mo. 14.	Cash received from Edward Earle,	1,879.00	
	Interest, 14 days,		5.11
18.	Cash received from Edward Earle,	3,080.00	
	Interest,		55.63
	Balance of interest account,	<u>\$7,799.00</u>	<u>\$124.79</u>

1873.

11 mo. 28.	To balance of this account invested at 7 per cent.,	\$3,781.74
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EDW. W. HOWLAND.

New Bedford, 6 mo. 10th, 1874.

NOTE.—Balance of this amount invested, \$3,781.74; interest		
	to 6 mo. 10, 1874, at 7 per cent.,	\$141.19,
	Amount due from John C. Gove \$800, interest on	
	same \$47.91,	847.91
	Amount unexpended,	<u>\$4,770.84</u>

43. The nominating committee presented the following names: Edward W. Howland, Gulielma W. Howland, Benjamin Buffum, Ellen K. Buffum, Edward Earle, Ann B. Earle; and they are appointed on that service.

Adjourned, to meet in joint session at 10 A. M. to-morrow.

FOURTH-DAY — *6 mo. 17.* — The meeting again assembled in joint session.

44. The committee appointed last year to carry out the concern of this Yearly Meeting in regard to the Indians west of the Mississippi river, have presented a report, which is as follows, viz.:

TO THE YEARLY MEETING:

The joint committee appointed last year upon the concern of this meeting for the Indians located west of the Mississippi river, report:

At our first meeting, held in Newport immediately after our appointment, Edward W. Howland and Edward Earle were appointed to represent this committee in the associated executive committee on Indian concerns in the several Yearly Meetings. Arrangements were also made to engage in the duty specially assigned to us by the Yearly Meeting, viz., the fostering care and supervision of two schools within the limits of the Quapaw Agency; and it was apprehended that our charge embraced not only their literary, but their religious and scriptural instruction. While the general government furnishes buildings for the purpose, and defrays the expense of superintendent and teachers, and also supplies the necessary food for the mission, it is expected of us to provide suitable clothing for the children, to see that books, papers and other necessary articles are furnished for the schools, and in general to promote the moral and religious growth of our charge, and their advancement in civilized life.

In the 10th month four of our number visited the Indian Agency. They were also accompanied by two Friends from New Bedford. Although the schools were not in session at the time of this visit, yet the committee were able to bring us valuable information respecting their condition and needs.

The Quapaw Mission building is located in the Indian Territory, a few miles west of Baxter Springs, Kansas. There are seven tribes in this agency, under the supervision of United States Agent Hiram W. Jones. Four schools are sustained within the agency, although

only two are under our care, viz., one composed of Quapaw children exclusively, and the other of Peorias, with a few confederate Miamis. Our friend Asa C. Tuttle is charged by the government with the general supervision of the schools. His wife Emmeline H. Tuttle is an efficient teacher and manager in the Quapaw Mission.

Considerable effort had been made for the supply of the wants of the schools, when in the 11th month our care and responsibility were largely increased by the arrival within our territorial limits of the remnant of the Modoc tribe, 152 in number, who were encamped about 15 miles from the mission. Wholly without food, and very scantily furnished with clothing, their pitiful condition drew heavily upon the time, the sympathy and the resources of the caretakers at the agency, and we were hastily called upon for assistance. New and second hand clothing, bedding, and boots and shoes were forwarded as fast as they could be collected, and we gratefully acknowledge the alacrity with which Friends in different parts of this Yearly Meeting, and also in some instances beyond our limits, hastened to aid us. The energies of the agent, and of our friends Asa and Emmeline Tuttle, were exerted to the utmost, and thus the most pressing wants of this people were soon in a measure supplied, and they were induced to place a few of the children in the school.

We have been much encouraged in our efforts by continued accounts of the good progress of the children in their studies at school. In the Quapaw Mission the whole number of scholars admitted since last autumn has been 70. The average attendance during the first quarter was 25; since the arrival of the Modocs it has been 50. Number of boys admitted, 41; girls, 29. The oldest scholar is about 20 years of age, the youngest 5 years. Considering that about a year of patient application is required for the children to speak the English language with confidence, their improvement has been rapid. Object teaching, card primer, first, second, third and fourth readers, mental arithmetic, writing, and geography, are the studies pursued. Sophronia Ellis has assisted Emmeline Tuttle a portion of the time in this school, although her time is mostly occupied in the household department.

"I can safely say," writes E. H. Tuttle, "that I have never seen more rapid improvement than has been perceptible in the Modoc children. Generally the mental powers of the Indians must be drawn out in order to effect any improvement, but the Modocs are energetic and ambitious, with an active brain, which readily grasps whatever comes within their observation. Thirty-three of these children were enrolled, of whom one is now at home on account of the sickness of her mother,

Thirty are in our family, and during the late severe epidemic two were taken away to Camp Modoc and died there."

Among the Peorias a day school has been sustained, with an average attendance of 20 scholars. They have a good male teacher, whose powers of instruction and Christian influence have been valuable. A number of the parents meet him quite regularly, with their children, in the First-day school, where some religious exercises are combined with Bible instruction. This tribe has enjoyed the benefit of a school for some time, and is quite in advance of the Quapaws in civilization. They have also a school fund of their own. Strong hopes are entertained that a mission house will be provided, and a boarding-school established from their own funds during the present season.

Allusion has been made to the severe sickness which during the early spring visited the Quapaw Mission. It much resembled pneumonia, and was epidemic in its character. A number of the children, and several of the caretakers were attacked by the disease, and the occasion was a severe trial of faith and patience to the managers. The Modoc parents of three sick children came and insisted upon taking them away to their camp, and they were at length reluctantly given up by Emmeline Tuttle, with sad misgivings. Two of these children soon died in the Modoc camp, while the other slowly recovered. No case of sickness at the Mission proved fatal. Some touching incidents are reported in connection with this severe visitation, showing the religious susceptibility of the children and the evident work of grace upon their hearts. One little child who died in the Modoc camp, alluding to the great lamentation, which is continued through many days on such occasions, entreated her mother not to cry longer than one-day after her death.

The Quapaw Indians number about 300, and are well located in a fine farming country. The land connected with the Mission consists of about 160 acres, all of which has been ploughed and fenced, and nearly all is in a state of cultivation. Twenty-five acres are now in good wheat; 60 acres in corn; 20 to 25 acres of oats; and 10 acres of garden and orchard.

While the progress of the adults in this tribe is slow, there is still cause for encouragement. They grow more tidy in appearance and are more inclined to labor, and Agent Jones reports an agreeable advancement with most of them. The improvement among the children is in all respects much more rapid. The boys at the Mission, while they are receiving instruction in the school, also assist in the farm work, help to fence the land, and plant the garden and field. The

girls, under the care of the matron, are taught morning and evening to assist in household duties. Thus all the children are in good measure under civilizing influences.

The Peorias are about 200 in number, with a few confederate Miamis. Our committee who visited this people last Fall reported a number of them as engaged in breaking land, and fencing in little farms for themselves, raising crops, cattle and hogs, and also in planting fruit trees. They are generally further advanced in civilization than the Quapaws, and some of them bid fair, ere long, to render themselves independent of government aid. They also receive an annuity from government, and have required little assistance the past season beyond some clothing for the children in school.

The Modocs have not been assigned to any reservation of land permanently, and thus have so far had less opportunity for improvement. A few acres have, however, been set apart to them for gardening purposes. Asa Tuttle writes, "Their farm operations do them credit, ten or twelve of them being seen in the field at once, planting and hoeing." The marked improvement of the Modoc children at the Mission, and the evident confidence which the agent and caretakers have inspired, have cheered and encouraged the adults of the tribe, who in intelligent observation, aptitude and ambition, exceed all the Indians in this Agency. We learn that they will probably be located during this season among the Shawnees, but we apprehend their children will be continued in the Quapaw school.

Perhaps no feature of this mission work has afforded more encouragement than the religious and moral influences which have pervaded it. Every evening religious exercises are held in the family, in which the children join by reading the Bible and repeating hymns. A First-day school is also held regularly at the Mission. Latterly many of the parents, with the chiefs, come on First-day, and are also taught the truths of the Bible and the way of salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ. They evince an increasing interest in religious things. After these services, instruction is sometimes given in temperance, morality, industry, &c. Emmeline Tuttle writes, "Nearly always a portion of the adults meet with us; sometimes only a few come, while at others the house is nearly filled."

The whole amount contributed in aid of this undertaking during the year has been as follows :

Money received by the treasurer,	\$613.89
New and second hand clothing, cloth in piece goods, boots and shoes, and other useful articles from Friends in different parts of New England,	349.53
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	\$963.42

Valuable aid was also received from Friends of Philadelphia, in timely contributions of maps, charts, books, pictures, and seeds of various kinds.

In closing this report of the interesting charge confided to us, we desire to bear testimony to the cheerful promptness with which our efforts have been seconded by Friends in various localities within our limits, and also gratefully to acknowledge that the Divine blessing has evidently attended the work of our hands.

HENRY T. WOOD, Clerk.

The treasurer of the committee having care of the Indian schools at the west, within the Quapaw Agency, presents his account as follows :

RECEIPTS.

1873.

8 mo.	Remittance from Edward Earle, for Smithfield Quarter,	\$15.00
9 mo.	Remittance from Timothy B. Hussey, quota from Dover Quarter,	20.00
10 mo.	Remittance from Joseph Cartland, quota of Rhode Island Quarter,	114.99
11 mo. 10.	Cash, quota of Sandwich Quarterly Meeting, Matthew Howland,	155.00
12 mo.	Remittance, Moses Bailey, for Fairfield Quarter,	30.00
15.	Contribution of Friends of Providence, Joseph Cartland,	8.00
30.	Contribution of Friends through David Kelley,	20.00

1874.

1 mo.	1. Gift of G. H. Norman, of Newport,	10.00
	2. Cash from Yarmouth Friends, by David Kelley,	3.00
	Contribution of Salem Monthly Meeting, through Wm. A. Brown,	73.50
	6. Contribution of Friends of North Berwick, by Timothy B. Hussey,	28.00
	Contribution of Friends in Sandwich, Mass., by M. A. Holway,	12.00
	12. Remittance, quota of Vassalborough Quarter,	32.00
	16. Cash from Friends of Fairhaven, Mass.,	4.00
	Cash from Friends of Falmouth, Mass.	14.40
	16. Cash from John H. Dillingham, Haverford College,	5.00

1 mo.	17.	Cash from Susan Taber, to pay freight,	2.25
		Remittance from Edward Earle, balance from Smith- field Quarter,	15.00
		Remittance from Moses Sawyer, quota of Weare Monthly Meeting,	15.75
	28.	Cash from Hannah Sears, New Bedford,	2.00
		Cash from Moses and Hannah Sawyer,	2.00
3 mo.	4.	Cash contribution of Emma G. Smith, by G. W. Cartland,	12.00
4 mo.		Remittance from Jane C. Minott, quota Falmouth Quarter,	20.00
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			\$613.89

EXPENDITURES.

1873.			
9 mo.		Paid for 18 pairs shoes,	\$27.00
10 mo.		Gulielma W. Howland and A. G. Wood, to buy clothing and cloth,	109.28
		Paid for slates, paper and books sent,	4.61
		For making box,	1.50
11 mo.	1.	Paid bill of wool blankets,	110.00
12 mo.	8.	Edw. W. Howland, for crockery bought at Baxter Springs,	10.00
	11.	Paid for knives, forks and spoons sent,	16.90
		Postage stamps sent E. H. Tuttle,	1.00
		Bills of boots and shoes,	79.95
		Paid express, freight of goods out, &c.,	27.08
1874.			
1 mo.		Paid for wash basins and combs,	4.10
		Money orders sent Asa C. Tuttle to pay freights, mend the children's shoes, and for other expenses,	79.00
		Paid for dry goods, clothing, needles, &c.,	77.74
1 mo.	20.	Sent Asa C. Tuttle, to buy crockery,	10.00
6 mo.	9.	Paid for new cloth, and articles for clothing,	19.58
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			\$577.74
Balance in the treasury,			36.15
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			\$613.89

HENRY T. WOOD, Treasurer.

New Bedford, 6th mo. 11, 1874.

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

The executive committee for New England Yearly Meeting, on Indian affairs for the Central Superintendency, report:—That there have been two meetings of the associated executive committee, at which all the Yearly Meetings were represented. The first was held at Lawrence, Kansas, in tenth month last, and was an interesting occasion. This locality being near the agencies, several of the agents were present and gave us valuable information in regard to their work.

Some of the teachers were also in attendance, and gave encouraging accounts of the commencement and progress of their schools.

Another meeting of the committee was held in Philadelphia in fourth month last, at which New England, New York, North Carolina, Baltimore, Ohio, Indiana, Western Kansas, and Philadelphia Yearly Meetings were represented. Much anxiety was felt in regard to statements made to us respecting the raids of the Kiowas and parts of other tribes in the vicinity of Fort Sill, and it was stated to us that government would not tolerate such proceedings much longer, but would place the Indians under military authority. This looked discouraging, in view of our labors for the last four or five years, which seemed at first thought to have produced but little apparent improvement; but as we went back still farther, to the commencement of our work, and remembered the Indian wars with all their attendant evils, we felt that good had been accomplished, and that the principles of peace had been in some degree maintained and extended. Our faith was renewed, and we desired to press forward, asking for the Divine blessing on our labors. We have had but two meetings, and if it should seem to any that we have not given proper care in the case, we may state that there is a subcommittee, called the Washington committee, which is summoned in all cases of emergency, a meeting of which occurred last week in Washington. Friends were brought into much concern as to the manner in which depredators, such as horse thieves and the like, should be arrested. They had interviews with the President and Secretary of the Interior, and others interested, and were relieved by the promise that government would establish a Marshal and his force, to whom our agents might give information, as in such cases at home.

We wish to bear testimony to the faithfulness of our true watchman, Dr. William Nicholson, who gives his whole time to the service, spending a portion of it in Lawrence (Kansas) and a part in Washington, and in making frequent visits to the Indians.

We should not do justice to ourselves or to our worthy friend Enoch Hoag, if we did not refer to his efficient labors as superintendent of the Indians under our care. He has our unqualified support, and we believe there is no officer of the interior department to whom is awarded more confidence and respect.

In conclusion, we may add that the Washington committee inform us that when they have sought aid or advice from the President, Secretary of the Interior, or any of their subordinates connected with this mission, they have received the most kind attention, and the highest

regard and respect have been shown to what *they* term our peculiar Christian way of working in this complicated field of labor.

EDWARD W. HOWLAND.

EDWARD EARLE.

45. The report is acceptable, and we desire that the interest already awakened for this highly injured class of our fellow-men may continue, and that we may be ready to embrace every right opening for their education and improvement. The committee are reappointed to act on behalf of this meeting for the ensuing year, as will best promote this engagement. Our Monthly Meetings are encouraged to contribute money and clothing for this object.

Names of Committee.—Joseph Cartland, Joseph E. Macomber, Sarah F. Tobey, Cynthia Bowen, Charles F. Coffin, Moses Sawyer, Ann Maria Coffin, Hannah B. Sawyer, Edward W. Howland, Henry T. Wood, Phebe Slocum, Rebecca Ewer, Freeman Andrews, Charles A. Nichols, Jane C. Minot, Myra E. Frye, Edward Earle, Richard Battey, Ann B. Earle, Abby S. Battey, John D. Lang, Charles B. Cates, Margaret B. Cates, Louisa L. Osborn, Amos D. Purrington, Timothy B. Hussey, Anna M. Hussey, Maria Purrington, Moses Bailey, Isaac W. Hawkes, Hannah J. Bailey, Lavinia Briggs, Eli Jones, Thomas B. Buffum, Thomas J. Battey, Rebecca H. Smiley, Charles M. Bailey, Sarah Marble, Timothy K. Earle, Lydia Haight, Thomas Wood, Mary C. Baylies, George Howland, Jr., John H. Crosman, Gulielma W. Howland, and David Kelley.

46. The following report from the committee under appointment to take charge of General Meetings held within our limits was presented, viz. :

TO THE YEARLY MEETING :

The committee appointed to take charge of the General Meetings held within our limits, present the following report, viz. :

There have been six General Meetings held during the past year, viz. : At Newport, Rhode Island ; at Vassalborough, Maine ; at Bolton, Mass. ; at Allen's Neck, Mass ; At Winthrop, Maine ; and at

South Durham, Maine. These meetings have been seasons of Divine favor. The presence of the Lord has been manifest in them, and the baptism of the Holy Spirit experienced. Hearts dead in trespasses and sins have been aroused to see their need of a Saviour, and, accepting him, have realized the blessed fullness of salvation through his atoning blood. At some of these meetings almost the entire neighborhood was gathered together, and many were convinced of the accordance of the doctrines held by our religious society with those of the early disciples of Christ. At others there were smaller numbers, and the effect was more manifest in the building up of believers.

At places where the General Meetings were held last year the good effects are yet evident, and many have reason to be thankful for them.

Several series of meetings similar in character to the General Meetings have also been held, we trust, to the glory of God.

We recommend that this subject continue to receive the attention of the Yearly Meeting, under the care of a committee.

On behalf of the committee.

EDW. W. HOWLAND.

ANNA G. WOOD.

Newport, 6 mo. 16th, 1874.

Which is acceptable to us, and we rejoice in the belief that they have proved seasons of Divine favor, and been the blessed means of comfort and encouragement to many, and of the extension of the Redeemer's kingdom on the earth.

47. Edward W. Collins, William P. Lawrence, Timothy K. Earle, Anna G. Wood, Timothy B. Hussey, S. Jane Cox, Henry T. Wood, Mary Gove, Hannah S. Wing, Owen Dame, Rebecca H. Smiley, Anna T. Dennis, and Sarah B. Goddard, are appointed to produce to a future sitting the names of Friends to constitute a committee on General Meetings for the year ensuing.

48. The committee set apart at our last session, upon the subject of changing the place of holding this meeting a part of the time, presented a report, which is as follows, viz. :

TO THE YEARLY MEETING :

The joint committee appointed to consider the request from the three eastern Quarterly Meetings in relation to holding alternate sessions of the Yearly Meeting at some other point than Newport, have given at-

tention to the subject referred to them, and after a careful and thoughtful consideration of the question have concluded to recommend to the Yearly Meeting that when it adjourn, it adjourn to meet at the city of Portland at the usual time next year.

For the committee.

GEO. HOWLAND, JR., Clerk.

Newport, 6 mo. 17th, 1874.

49. The report is united with and adopted, and direction is now given that when this meeting adjourn it be to meet at Portland, Maine, at the usual time next year.

50. This meeting is united in authorizing the committee on the Freedmen to appropriate such portion of the principal of the funds held by them as will in their opinion be for the best interest of that people, this being in addition to the appropriations which were made yesterday.

Adjourned, to meet in separate sessions at 4 o'clock this afternoon.

Afternoon.—Friends met pursuant to adjournment.

51. The representatives in the attendance of this meeting from our several Quarterly Meetings, in accordance with the provisions of our discipline, have presented the following named Friends to constitute a Representative Meeting for the ensuing year, viz.: Thomas Harkness, Thomas B. Buffum, Anna T. Dennis, Sarah F. Tobey, William O. Newhall, William A. Brown, Mahaleth G. Jones, Abigail M. Hanson, George Howland, Jr., Charles R. Tucker, Rebecca C. Grinnell, Susan Taber, George Douglass, Augustus F. Cox, S. Jane Cox, Mary C. Hawkes, Samuel H. Colton, Richard Battey, Ann B. Earle, Abby S. Battey, Thomas B. Nichols, Eli Jones, Hannah T. Jenkins, Sarah W. Goddard, Jacob K. Purrinton, Albert C. Buffum, Anna M. Hussey, Huldah S. Buffum, Moses Bailey, Reuben T. Jones, Hannah J. Bailey, Phebe P. Jones, Edward W. Howland, Joseph Cartland, William C. Taber, Perez Peck, Edward Earle, David K. Akin, Charles F. Coffin, George Richardson, Thomas Folsom, Newell Hoxie, Stephen Jones, Lemuel Jones, Henry T.

Wood, Charles Taber, George Bowen, and Moses Sawyer. Which nomination is approved, and they are appointed to represent this meeting during its recess.

52. The committee appointed on that service presented the following minute, which was approved, and direction given that it be recorded.

The important inquiry respecting the spiritual health of the body was entered upon with feelings of deep interest, and the presence of the dear Master was evidently felt to be with us; and during the whole course of this deliberation we realized that Divine help was extended to us as well as to dedicated servants, whose pertinent counsel and advice we desire may be long remembered. With reference to the due attendance of our religious meetings by those who from indifference or the love of the world do not assemble with their brethren for the worship of our Almighty Creator and Preserver, we were exhorted to extend not only a watchful but a loving care to these. And when we are gathered with our brethren for Divine worship, may all the living among us seek with earnestness of heart after the sensible presence of the life of God in our midst. Thus would these often feel their own strength renewed, and often would the hearts of their weaker brethren, and those less exercised in spirit, be also warmed and strengthened; so that they would gladly meet their brethren in religious worship. We were reminded that the indifference of some to the due attendance of our religious meetings might often be owing to the want of engagement or to unfaithfulness on our part. Sometimes, too, were we sufficiently attentive to the monitions of the Holy Spirit, the dear Master who knows the wants of all his children would incline those who may not often be drawn to speak in his name to the people, to offer words of encouragement to their brethren, and especially to the lambs of the flock. The devoted servant of Christ who may highly prize the privilege of waiting upon the Lord in silent communion, a silence so precious that we may regret its interruption, will still at times find it the will of the Head of the church that for the sake of others this silence should be broken. Sinners may be converted, as has been the case, in a silent meeting, but God's way of working is still, as of old, to call for the instrumentality of others. The apostle Peter was exhorted, upon his conversion, to strengthen and convert his brethren.

Allusion was made to some of our small meetings held in neighborhoods where there may seem little encouragement to hope for an in-

crease of numbers, and a fear was expressed that some might take a view of Christian obligation too narrow and circumscribed for the blood-bought children of a crucified and risen Lord. Hundreds all around us, even in these situations, often scattered as sheep without a shepherd, are alike the objects of redeeming grace. Our obligation, too, in these localities, is often heightened by the fact that numbers residing among us not members of our religious society are so far convinced of our leading doctrines as to feel little relish for association with those less spiritual in their mode of worship. Many of these would gladly join us in the regular attendance of our religious meetings and in church fellowship were these meetings more attractive, and were we ourselves more earnestly engaged for the arising of the Divine life therein. Could we say in truth to these that "God hath met with us," that he "hath spoken good concerning us," we should find their ready response would be, "We will go with you, for we have heard that God is with you."

The revival of a practice long observed among us of often holding meetings in families and in neighborhoods, (other than our ordinary meetings for worship,) was commended to us as one which had proved highly salutary within our own, but especially in some other Yearly Meetings, and Friends who felt their hearts warmed by the love of Christ were encouraged to hold such meetings among themselves and in isolated families, being assured that as they met in His name they would be abundantly blessed. Our early Friends were mindful of the exhortation, "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature," and would we tread in their footsteps we must carry the glad tidings of salvation to all classes,—the high and the low, the rich and the poor, and even to the profligate and the abandoned.

In all our efforts may our dependence be upon the gift and the power of the Holy Spirit, whether our service be in gathering of sinners to the fold of Christ, feeding the lambs, or watering the flock. And may none of us be discouraged by a feeling of inability or unfitness to labor in this blessed work. It is the simplest service for the Lord that is often most blessed. Nor is it needful to look abroad for any great work while the needed duty that is nearest us, though often a quiet and unobtrusive service, remains undone.

Many among us can rejoice before God in the comforting assurance that they have in mercy been translated out of darkness into the kingdom of his dear Son. As a test of our gratitude for this unspeakable favor, and in remembrance of the many who are still walking in the broad way, we were reminded of the searching inquiry, "Where is

thy brother?" Plucked ourselves as brands from the burning, may our hearts be drawn out in love to those of every class who are still out of the safe path to peace.

If our principles are the principles of the gospel, should we not seek to draw our neighbors and all who have not known the way of life into the same blessed experience? To this end we need more earnest prayer for a baptism of the Holy Ghost upon all the members of the church, that with renewed purpose we may enter into the service of our Lord. Our young men were especially reminded that the abundant labors in their Master's service of our early predecessors, George Fox, Edward Burrough, Robert Barclay, James Parnell, and many others, were largely performed in their younger days.

Upon the subject of love and harmony in the church, we were reminded that love must ever remain the badge of true discipleship. If we love the Lord with all our hearts, no room remains in them for coldness towards a brother, or a disposition to speak evil one of another; and if we "love as brethren," we shall also be desirous of cultivating in ourselves and in one another that Christian freedom which will not only endear us in social life, but will also prompt us to help one another in our Christian course, to speak freely of our trials, our doubts and difficulties, as well as our triumphs and our joys. May we also be especially careful in our intercourse with our dear children, to encourage that open confidence which may enable us to help them in their early efforts to yield to the drawings of the Heavenly Father's love. Often in the training of our tender charge we may be favored to perceive, like Eli of old, "that the Lord has called the child," and may also, like him, be instrumental in encouraging him to yield to the Spirit's voice.

In allusion to the practice now happily general among us, of the daily reading in our families of a portion of Holy Scripture, we were exhorted to enter upon this exercise willingly and lovingly, and it would often be a means of blessing to us. It is a sweet privilege for a father to gather his wife and children around him upon these occasions, in which he may often feel drawn to bow the knee in prayer for the Divine blessing upon himself and his loved ones. And should any of the dear children be led under the promptings of the Holy Spirit vocally to supplicate at the throne of grace, may we be careful not to check the bubblings of the Lord's spirit in these tender ones.

53. Our educational committee presented their report ; it is as follows, viz. :

The education committee present the following statistics of the schools in our Yearly Meeting as far as known. The summary is necessarily imperfect, as three of the Monthly Meetings failed to report :

1. The number of Monthly Meeting schools,	1
2. The number of family schools,	1
3. The number of children who have attended school the past year,	477
4. The number who have attended school taught by Friends, or under their control,	142
5. The number obtaining education at academies and colleges not under the care of Friends,	25
6. The number of members engaged in teaching,	88
7. The number of First-day schools under the care of Friends,	42
8. The average time of holding said schools,	10 months.
9. The whole number attending the same,	2,326
10. The average number,	1,449
11. The number of our members attending,	925
12. The number over twenty-one years of age,	814
13. The number of Friends over twenty-one years of age,	624
14. The number of teachers,	211
15. The number of Bible classes not connected with said schools,	7
16. The average time,	10 months.
17. The whole number belonging to the same,	162
18. Average number,	89
19. The number of Friends belonging to such,	78
20. The number of Particular Meetings without school or Bible class,	23

We have again to regret there should be so large a number of meetings without a Bible class or First-day school ; but most of them are very small, and the members of several attend Union Sabbath-schools conducted partly by members of our society.

While we have been mindful of our appointment, have endeavored to give encouragement and help in our respective neighborhoods, and fully realize the great importance of correct and enlarged ideas on the subject of general education, yet we cannot feel that much has been or can be accomplished by this committee. We therefore recommend its discontinuance, and the adoption of the whole work by the Yearly Meeting, to be carried out as may seem best by the subordinate meetings.

On behalf of the committee.

SAML. R. BUFFINTON.

ELLEN K. BUFFUM.

Newport, 6 mo. 17th, 1874.

54. We appoint Augustine Jones, Charles Taber, Albert K. Smiley, Charles H. Jones, John H. Crosman, William A. Brown, and Charles W. Goddard, to take this subject into consideration and report to our next session what course in their judgment will be most likely to promote the concern of this meeting on the subject of education, and if way opens, present the names of a small committee to labor in this field for the coming year.

55. The committee on the Penobscot and Passamaquoddy tribes of Indians presented their annual report, viz. :

TO NEW ENGLAND YEARLY MEETING OF FRIENDS :

The committee appointed by you to have a care over the Penobscot and Passamaquoddy tribes of Indians, report as follows :

Two of our number visited the Penobscot tribe at Oldtown last winter, and found in attendance at their school about twenty-five pupils. The school was very unsatisfactory, being deficient in method and order, and we are satisfied that nothing is required of this meeting beyond the educational and spiritual interests of these tribes, because the State of Maine last year paid to the Penobscot tribe the sum of eight thousand one hundred and eighty-five dollars and eighty-three cents, and to the Passamaquoddy tribe three thousand seven hundred and twenty dollars, which money was expended for the poor and the sick, and distributed among them in bounties and otherwise. The Penobscot tribe numbers about 500, the Passamaquoddy tribe 539.

The committee have expended twenty dollars of the one hundred appropriated by this meeting last year.

We recommend the appointment of a committee to have the care, particularly of the educational interests of these tribes during the ensuing year.

In behalf of the committee.

STEPHEN JONES.

ELI JONES.

56. The interest which has long been felt by this meeting for the advancement of those tribes of Indians still continues. The report is interesting and satisfactory to us, and the improvement which has from time to time been reported encourages us still to continue our care, and render to them such assistance and advice as opportunity may present. The

committee are continued to represent us upon this long existing concern of this meeting for the coming year, and they are authorized to draw on our Treasurer for \$150 to promote this object.

Names of Committee. — Stephen Jones, John D. Lang, James B. Congdon, Henry T. Wood, Eli Jones, Alfred H. Jones, Timothy Hanson, George Richardson, Josiah Philbrook, Paul Wing, Augustine Jones, Edward Earle, and Joseph Briggs.

57. The following request to this meeting upon the subject of Temperance being received, we appoint Joseph E. Macomber, Samuel R. Buffinton, Zephaniah Breed, James P. Boyce, Jabez Wood, Charles Taber, Augustus F. Cox, Edward S. Hacker, Timothy K. Earle, Abel C. Munro, Eli Jones, Jonathan Estes, Albert C. Buffum, Albert C. Hill, Jonathan Cartland, Joseph E. Briggs, and Isaac Warren Hawkes, to unite with a committee of Women Friends to labor on the subject of temperance, and report next year. May the blessing of our Lord rest upon their labors.

Women's Committee — Ellen K. Buffum, Gertrude W. Cartland, Lydia C. Neal, Deborah W. Crosman, Susan Taber, Elizabeth C. Wing, Myra E. Fry, Saloma Jane Cox, Susan Ann Gifford, Lydia Haight, Mary C. Jones, Eliza Philbrook, Lydia E. Sawyer, Gulielma M. Purinton, Harriet N. Jones, Phebe M. Wadsworth.

TO THE YEARLY MEETING :

At a large and interesting meeting of Friends held here yesterday upon the subject of Temperance, the desire was felt and expressed that the Yearly Meeting might see its way at this time to adopt some method of action upon the subject, and a committee was appointed to draft a proposition and present it to the meeting for its consideration.

The committee would therefore propose that the Yearly Meeting appoint a joint committee of two men and two women Friends from each Quarterly Meeting, to act on behalf of this meeting in this branch of Christian work, and that each of our Monthly Meetings be directed to appoint a committee to labor in concert with and in aid of the committee of this meeting, to promote the cause in their several localities

and neighborhoods. And we hope that in the selection of these committees care will be taken to appoint such friends as are active and willing workers, and who will feel interested to carry forward the object of this meeting in this important matter.

On behalf of the committee.

JABEZ WOOD.

SUSAN A. GIFFORD.

Newport, 6 mo. 17th, 1874.

Adjourned to 3 o'clock to-morrow afternoon.

FIFTH-DAY — *Afternoon, 6 mo. 18.* — Friends again assembled.

58. The representatives present except 17; reasons given for absence of 11.

59. A minute of concurrence from New York Monthly Meeting on behalf of Jane U. Ferris, who accompanies Caroline E. Talbot, was read. She is acceptably with us.

60. The London General Epistle for 1874 was received and read in this meeting, and in order that all our members may be privileged to become acquainted with its valuable contents, we appoint William C. Taber and George Howland, Jr., to cause an edition of 5,000 copies to be printed, and forward them in the usual proportions to our Quarterly Meetings for distribution.

61. The committee to audit and settle the treasurer's account, and for other purposes, report as follows:

TO THE YEARLY MEETING:

The committee appointed to examine and settle the treasurer's account, and propose a sum to be raised for the ensuing year, the name of a friend for treasurer, and the name of a friend for treasurer of the school fund, have attended to their appointment, and report as follows:

RECEIPTS.

Balance in cash from last year's account,	\$3,123.94
Received from the Quarterly Meetings,	3,000.00
For interest on Boston Bonds,	600.00
Dividends on Eagle Bank Stock,	100.00
Interest on Railroad Bonds,	48.00

Received for interest refunded by Y. M. B. School,	375.00
Books of Discipline sold,	40.00
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	\$7,296.94

PAYMENTS.

Travelling expenses of Friends in attendance at Yearly Meeting,	\$368.00
Sundry expenses at Newport, 6 mo., 1873,	495.39
On principal of outstanding notes,	2,050.00
Interest on outstanding notes,	175.00
Printing Minutes, Epistles, &c.,	372.39
Express, postage, &c.,	15.14
Recording Minutes and Epistles,	71.25
Gas fixtures in meeting-house,	382.39
Rent of hall for Boston meeting,	450.00
Associated Executive Indian Committee,	340.00
Penobscot and Passamaquoddy Indian Committee,	20.00
Insurance,	30.75
Cash balance on hand,	2,526.63
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	\$7,296.94

The expenditures are all vouched for. The present indebtedness of the meeting in notes is reported as \$16,436.89, and there is due from the boarding school to the treasurer of the Yearly Meeting \$15,436.89.

We propose that the sum of thirty-five hundred dollars be raised for the use of the meeting the ensuing year; that George Howland, Jr., be appointed treasurer of the Yearly Meeting, and Thomas Harkness treasurer of the Boarding School Fund.

For the committee.

OWEN DAME.

Newport, 6 mo. 18th, 1874.

Which is approved by us, and George Howland, Jr., is reappointed treasurer of this meeting for the year ensuing, or until another appointment, and our several Quarterly Meetings are directed to forward to him their respective proportions of \$3,500, the amount proposed to be raised for the service of this meeting. Thomas Harkness is reappointed treasurer of the Boarding School Fund.

62. The committee on the subject of Peace report, viz. :

TO THE YEARLY MEETING :

The joint committee to promote efforts in the cause of Peace, report :
That the circulation of reading matter through various channels has

been continued, and while in some localities within our limits there has been more labor in this respect than in former years, the committee have not accomplished in the aggregate as much as they could desire. We believe there is still room for the dissemination of a sound Christian sentiment upon this subject within our limits, which affords opportunity for continued effort. There has seemed to be no time for a public meeting upon the subject since coming to the island, although its importance has not been overlooked or forgotten.

Some works upon the subject of Peace have been purchased, but the amount remaining in the treasury is the same as that reported last year, viz., \$225.26.

On behalf of the committee.

JABEZ WOOD.

ABBY S. BATTEY.

Newport, 6th mo. 18, 1874.

By which it appears but little has been accomplished the past year, yet the subject is still dear to us, and we therefore continue the committee, with the exception of our late dear friends David Buffum and Sybil Jones, deceased; and we desire that way may open for more extensive labor in this cause, with a blessing upon the work.

Names of Committee. — *Men* — Eli Jones, John H. Crosman, Joseph H. Atwater, Timothy B. Hussey, Matthew Howland, Charles C. Varney, Edward W. Howland, Samuel R. Buffinton, Joseph Cartland, George Richardson, Charles M. Bailey, Charles Taber, Gideon Wood, Jabez Wood, Thomas B. Nichols, Joseph E. Macomber, Henry T. Wood, Nathaniel Gifford, George H. Pope, Herod Chase, Charles A. Nichols, Edward Y. Austin.

Women — Ann K. Colton, Rachel S. Howland, Susan Taber, Dorcas F. Tucker, Eliza B. Boyce, Abigail C. Beede, Gertrude W. Cartland, Ann B. Earle, Narcissa Jacobs, Dorcas B. Robinson, Anna T. Dennis, Ellen K. Buffum, Mary A. Smith, Abby S. Battey, Sylvia G. Howland.

63. The committee appointed yesterday to take into care-

ful consideration the subject of Education, rendered their judgment as follows :

The committee appointed to consider the general subject of Education, and to propose some plan of action to the Yearly Meeting ; also (if in their judgment it was thought best) to bring forward names of friends to have the care of this subject for the coming year, report : They have taken the subject into careful consideration, and were united in proposing the following plan, viz. :

To divide the subject into two divisions,—one relating to Bible or Sabbath-schools, the other to schools for secular instruction, each division to be under the care of a separate committee, consisting of three men and three women Friends ; the committee on Bible schools (for convenience of *concert in action*) to be chosen from a very limited territory, this territory to be changed from year to year. The following names are proposed for committees :

On Bible Schools — Joseph E. Macomber, Jabez Wood, Charles Taber, Anna G. Wood, Susan Taber, Elizabeth Ann Slade.

On Secular Schools — Augustine Jones, Thomas J. Battey, Charles H. Jones, Deborah W. Crosman, Carrie Alice Jones, H. Lizzie Jones.

And it is recommended that each committee shall so systematize their labors as to be able to embody in their reports to this meeting correct *statistical information* ; and it is desired that Monthly Meetings may be requested to furnish them such statistics as they may require for this purpose.

It is further recommended that the committee on Bible schools secure the services of one or more *active, energetic* laborers, who shall visit in the interest of Bible schools such meetings as may seem to need personal attention, establishing, if possible, *such* schools where there are none, and taking measures to infuse *fresh* life into such as may be already established ; and that this committee be authorized to draw on our treasurer for an amount necessary to cover the expense incurred in the discharge of their duties, not exceeding the sum of two hundred dollars.

On behalf of the committee.

CHAS. H. JONES.

REBECCA H. SMILEY.

Which being considered was approved, and the names proposed in the report are appointed to constitute a committee on education for the year ensuing.

Names of Committee. — On Bible Schools — Joseph E.

Macomber, Jabez Wood, Charles Taber, Anna G. Wood, Susan Taber, Elizabeth Ann Slade. On Secular Schools—Augustine Jones, Thomas J. Battey, Charles H. Jones, Deborah W. Crosman, Carrie Alice Jones, H. Lizzie Jones.

64. The Friends to nominate a committee to act on our behalf in holding general meetings for worship within our limits, presented the following names, which were approved, and they are appointed on that service. May the Lord's blessing still be witnessed in prospering this work, to the great rejoicing of many hearts.

Names of Committee.—Eli Jones, William C. Taber, Anna G. Wood, Sarah W. Goddard, John Cartland, Lydia Haight, Richard Battey, William O. Newhall, Thomas B. Buffum, Moses Bailey, Rebecca H. Smiley, Anna T. Dennis, Abigail M. Hanson, Susan Taber, Timothy B. Hussey, Edward W. Collins, Jane C. Minott, Phœbe P. Jones, Hannah G. Sawyer, Matthew Howland.

65. Our Quarterly Meetings are requested to appoint committees to strengthen and uphold the hands of this committee, and render them such assistance in their respective Quarterly Meetings as may seem required to promote this weighty engagement.

66. The clerk is directed to sign on behalf of this meeting the following Minute for our friend Rebecca Collins, and Minutes of like import for our friends James C. Thomas, Allen Jay, William A. Symmes, Caroline E. Talbot, Isaac Jay, John P. Pennington, Rebecca Clauson, Elwood Ozbun, Daniel Fry, Josiah Dillon, Eliza H. Varney, Charles S. Hubbard, Alida Clark, David Tatum, and Hannah B. Tatum :

Our beloved friend Rebecca Collins attended this meeting. Her company and religious services have been acceptable to us.

67. The clerk is also directed to sign on our behalf the following Minute for Martha A. Jay, and similar ones for Jane U. Ferris, Elizabeth H. Burgess, Judith Fry, Lydia Ozbun, and Levi Barney :

Our beloved friend Martha A. Jay attended this meeting. Her company has been acceptable to us.

68. The committee on Temperance having requested that a sum of money may be placed to their disposal in order to promote the cause, our treasurer is directed to pay to them the sum of \$300 when called for.

69. Essays of Epistles were now read, addressed to the Yearly Meetings of London and Ireland, and also one more general in its character, a copy of which is intended to be addressed to the Yearly Meetings of New York, Baltimore, North Carolina, Ohio, Indiana, Western, Iowa, Canada, and Kansas, and an Essay was also read addressed to Friends in Norway, with whom we correspond; and the clerk is directed to revise and sign them on behalf of this meeting, and forward to those meetings respectively.

70. Having had printed 500 copies of the report of the committee who investigated the origin and history, and also the titles of Friends' meeting-houses in Boston, direction is given that they be distributed among our Quarterly Meetings in the same proportion as other documents.

71. The clerk is directed to cause an edition of 2000 copies of the Minutes of this meeting to be printed and sent down to our Quarterly Meetings for distribution; and William C. Taber is appointed to advise with the clerk in this work.

72. The clerk is authorized to make any necessary extracts from the Minutes of this meeting, and sign them on our behalf.

73. We have to acknowledge with hearts filled with gratitude to God, that he has been pleased to manifest himself in our midst; that he has presided over the various sittings of this meeting; and we do bless his great and holy name and rejoice in his love.

Our business has been disposed of in much harmony, and we now separate, proposing to meet again at the usual time next year at the city of Portland, Maine, if the Lord permit.

On behalf of the meeting.

CHARLES R. TUCKER, Clerk.

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MINUTES.

At the Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England, held on Rhode Island, commencing at Newport on Seventh-day, the 12th of the 6th month, 1875.

By the reports received from our several Quarterly Meetings, it appears that the following named Friends are appointed representatives to this meeting, viz. :

From RHODE ISLAND — Samuel R. Buffinton, Thomas Harkness, Edward W. Collins, Perez Peck, Thomas B. Buffum, Charles W. Earle, Obadiah Chase, Joseph Cartland, Benjamin Buffum, James Dennis, Richard R. Macomber, George S. Gould, George Bowen, Albert K. Smiley, Joseph E. Macomber.

From SALEM — John Paige, Benjamin H. Jones, Thomas W. Thorndike, Thomas Folsom, William Forster Mitchell, Owen Dame, Moses F. Rogers, John H. Crosman, Dennis R. Chase, Samuel O. Nichols, William F. Vining, Charles A. Jones, William O. Newhall, Alvin Hoag, Simon G. Gove, James P. Boyce.

From SANDWICH — George Howland, Jr., David K. Akin, James B. Congdon, Joseph S. Tillinghast, Isaac R. Gifford, Jonathan Boyce, Henry T. Wood, Peleg Slocum, Stephen R. Wing, Nathaniel Gifford, Edward W. Howland, Charles Taber, Edward G. Dillingham, Newell Hoxie, Ephraim Gifford, William C. Taber, David Kelley, Matthew Howland, Nathan T. Shepherd.

From FALMOUTH — Augustus F. Cox, Lemuel Jones, Freeman Andrews, George Douglass, Stephen Cartland.

From SMITHFIELD — Abel C. Munroe, Samuel H. Colton, Edward Earle, Thomas Grover, William Aldrich, Reuben A. Wheeler, Amiel E. Phelps, Jonathan F. Southwick, Nelson Taft, Richard Battey, Gideon M. Aldrich, Joseph L. Holmes.

From VASSALBOROUGH — Eli Jones, Charles B. Cates, Levi Gardner, Thomas B. Nichols, Stephen Jones, Ebenezer Frye, Elijah Cook, Hartwell A. Jenkins, John A. Frye, Jeremiah R. Jones, John Frye, John C. Varney.

From DOVER — Jacob K. Purinton, John Estes, Tobias Meader, Timothy B. Hussey, George Estes, Joseph H. Pratt, Russell Hoag.

From FAIRFIELD — George Richardson, Reuben T. Jones, Moses Bailey, Joseph Taylor, Franklin Brainard, Charles Kezer.

1. On the call of their names they were present except twelve. Reasons were given for the absence of nine.

2. The following Minute, issued by our Representative Meeting in the second month last, explains the reason why the Yearly Meeting has assembled in this place, it having last year adjourned to meet at Portland.

TO THE QUARTERLY AND MONTHLY MEETINGS OF FRIENDS OF NEW ENGLAND YEARLY MEETING :

This meeting finding there has not been sufficient time to effect the necessary legislation to enable the Yearly Meeting to hold its sessions at Portland, hereby notifies the Quarterly and Monthly Meetings, that our next Yearly Meeting must be held according to discipline at Newport.

By direction of the Representative Meeting held at Providence, 2d mo. 3d, 1875.

WILLIAM O. NEWHALL, Clerk.

P. S. The Representative Meeting will be held at Newport on Sixth-day before the commencement of the Yearly Meeting, at six o'clock P. M.

3. We have at this meeting the acceptable company of our beloved friends Daniel Barker, Jeremiah A. Grinnell, and Rachel Binford, of North Carolina Yearly Meeting; Joseph Hobson, Mary S. Elliot, Edward C. Young, and Sarah E. Jenkins, of Ohio Yearly Meeting; Cornelius Douglass, John P. Pennington, Sarah Ann Linton, John Henry Douglass, Levi Ratliff, and Robert Knight, of Indiana Yearly Meeting; Jehu Newlin, of Western Yearly Meeting; John Y. Hoover and Mary T. Meader, from Iowa Yearly Meeting; Seneca Doane and William Wetherald, from Canada Yearly Meeting. Certificates from their respective meetings, expressive of unity with them as ministers, and with their religious engagements, were read.

4. Our beloved friends Amy P. Hobson, an Elder, who accompanies her husband Joseph Hobson, George K. Jenkins, an Elder, who accompanies his wife Sarah E. Jenkins, Ellwood Ratcliff and Rebecca Ratcliff, Elders, in unity from Ohio Yearly Meeting, Moses Gove and his wife Lydia Gove, Elders, in unity from Iowa Yearly Meeting, Daniel J. Barker, companion to his father Daniel Barker, John Carey, companion to Cornelius Douglass, James Hawley, companion to John Y. Hoover, Joseph H. Miller and his wife Rebecca G. Miller, who accompany Mary S. Elliot, and Jane U. Ferris, in company with Rachel Binford, are acceptably with us, and presented satisfactory minutes from their respective meetings.

5. Truly acceptable Epistles from our brethren of the Yearly Meetings of Ireland, New York, Baltimore, North Carolina, Ohio, Indiana, Western, Iowa, Canada, and Kansas, were received and read. These communications have brought our beloved friends afresh to our remembrance, with a comforting feeling that we are one wherever situated, and that in unity there is strength; and desiring to reciprocate these salutations of love, we appoint the following friends to prepare, as way opens for it, Essays of Epistles to those meetings, including London, and to friends in Norway, from whom no epistolary letters have been received, and present the same to a future sitting, viz. :

James B. Congdon, George Howland, Jr., Samuel Austin, Isaac Warren Hawkes, J. William Jacob, Henry T. Wood, Eli Jones, Thomas B. Nichols, Richard Battey, Albert C. Buffum, Lemuel Jones, William C. Taber, William Forster Mitchell, John B. Daniels, Matthew Howland, Owen Dame, Charles B. Cates, Isaac Steere, Albert K. Smiley, Jonas Butterfield, Newell Hoxie, Joseph Cartland, David K. Akin, Thomas B. Buffum, Moses Bailey, James P. Boyce, and John Paige.

6. Communications have been received addressed to this meeting from the Thames street, and also from the Marlborough street Methodist Episcopal societies, offering their meeting-houses for Friends to occupy on First-day afternoon and evening.

7. The offerings thus freely made being an evidence of the Christian love and courtesy of those societies to Friends, we refer the subject for consideration and arrangement to George Bowen, Henry T. Wood, Eli Jones, Jacob K. Purinton, and James P. Boyce, to unite with a similar committee of women Friends, to make such arrangements for holding religious meetings during the time of this Yearly Meeting, as way opens for in the truth, and to propose times and places for the various committees to meet, who are under appointment on the service of this meeting.

The clerk is directed to furnish those societies with copies of the above minute, so far as it relates to each respectively.

Adjourned to 4 o'clock this afternoon.

Afternoon. — Friends met pursuant to adjournment.

8. Albert K. Smiley, on behalf of the representatives, reported that they had conferred together, and were united in proposing Charles R. Tucker for clerk, and William O. Newhall and Matthew Howland for assistant clerks, which being approved by the meeting they are appointed to those services for the present year.

9. Our several Quarterly Meetings report that they have paid or given the required attention to the payment of stock,

called for by this meeting last year. We appoint Joseph Cartland, Owen Dame, James B. Congdon, George Douglass, Samuel H. Colton, Ebenezer Frye, Jacob K. Purinton, and Henry Winslow, to audit and settle the treasurer's account, and to propose a sum to be raised sufficient for the services of this meeting the ensuing year, and the name of a Friend for treasurer, and also the name of a Friend for treasurer of the Boarding School fund, and report to a future meeting.

10. The Epistle from London Yearly Meeting for the present year having been received since our morning meeting, the reading of which has brought our beloved friends of that meeting very near to us in spirit and in Christian fellowship, it is referred to the committee on correspondence.

11. We appoint Albert K. Smiley, Dennis R. Chase, Newell Hoxie, Lemuel Jones, Richard Battey, Charles B. Cates, Samuel Buffum, and Moses Bailey, to prepare a summary of the Answers to the Queries from our Quarterly Meetings, and present it to our next sitting.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

12. The committee in charge of our boarding school for the past year presented the following report, viz. :

TO THE YEARLY MEETING :

The committee having charge of the boarding school at Providence report :— that they have given attention to their appointment, and feel authorized to state that it has fully maintained the high standing it has held for several years past. Its educational character, evinced by the large class prepared to graduate at the close of the present term, was never better. The conduct of the pupils has been generally satisfactory, and the moral and religious feeling that has in good degree pervaded the school, has been gratifying to the committee. The standard of scholarship is thought to be much in advance of former years.

In his last report to the committee, our principal states that “ We have had during the past year an unusually large number of advanced pupils, interested in their studies, who have given tone and character to the school. The hearty cooperation of these older pupils in the discipline of the school has, I believe, rendered the past year a pleasant and profitable one to all concerned.”

The sub-committee, appointed for the more immediate care of the school and family, have at different times presented satisfactory reports of the recitations witnessed by them, and of the harmony and good feeling prevailing among the members of the household.

The number of pupils in attendance during the Autumn term was two hundred thirty-seven, viz., one hundred forty-three boys and ninety-four girls; Spring term, two hundred sixteen, viz., one hundred twenty-six boys and ninety girls.

Of this number, seventy attending the Autumn term, and sixty-five the Spring term, were members of our own Yearly Meeting, and twenty-four in the Autumn term, and twenty-five the Spring term, belonged to other Yearly Meetings of Friends, making ninety-four pupils in the Autumn term, and ninety in the Spring term, members of our religious society who have been in attendance of the school the current year.

We now present a summary of payments for the year ending 6 mo., 1874, as reported by the auditing committee, and the net earnings of the school for the same time.

Payments on account of permanent improvement, to 6 mo. 26, 1874, including part payment for carriage-house,	\$4,766.67
Paid Geo. Howland, Jr., treasurer Yearly Meeting, on account of interest,	600.00
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	\$5,366.67
Net earnings, year ending 6 mo., 1874,	4,606.12
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Paid over income,	\$760.55
Since our last Yearly Meeting a carriage and store-house adjoining the barn, with a basement for roots and vegetables, has been completed, at a cost of	\$3,898.17
The steam boiler has been removed from the kitchen and placed in a building outside; cost,	1,375.69
A substantial board fence, eight feet high, has been carried around the school premises, embraced by Lloyd, Hope, Thayer and Olney streets, and Arlington avenue, the whole length of which is 5,984 feet; cost,	4,579.22
438 yards concrete walks have been laid, costing	219.00
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Whole amount of outlay,	\$10,072.08

The indebtedness of the school, 6 mo. 1, 1875, is as follows, subject to correction when the yearly accounts are made up, and the amount of profits definitely ascertained.

Outlay for improvements, as above,	\$10,072.08
Less paid and entered in last year's account,	924.00
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	\$9,148.08

Paid George Howland, Jr., treasurer Yearly Meeting, on account of interest,		1,000.00
Paid interest on money hired to meet payments,		462.58
Paid balance over income, 1873-74,		760.55
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		\$11,371.21
Less estimated profits of the school, 1874-5,		4,013.84
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		\$7,357.37
Due on notes of the treasurer of Yearly Meeting,	\$15,061.89	
Due for interest accrued,	490.70	15,552.59
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Making an amount of indebtedness of		\$22,909.96

When the last annual report was presented to the Yearly Meeting, it was confidently expected that the land taken for streets adjoining the school premises, by the city of Providence, would have been paid for during the past summer, thereby enabling the committee to pay the obligations already incurred, as well as the improvements then had in view, and also for fencing the land, rendered necessary by the new streets then opened, but on account of some informality in the action of the city government the payment has not been made, although the committee have endeavored to press our claims. The sum claimed from the city will more than pay all indebtedness.

From a statement received from the treasurer of the school funds, the receipts and payments on account of the school and charitable funds, including the Ebenezer Metcalf and other donations, are as follows :

SCHOOL FUND.

1875, 5th mo. 17.	Balance on hand last year,		\$281.84
	Income from the fund,		6,953.20
	Return on fire insurance,		286.09
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			\$7,521.13
Paid fire insurance premium,	\$525.00		
Paid A. K. Smiley, for use of school,	6,887.52		
Balance on hand,	108.61	\$7,521.13	

CHARITABLE FUNDS.

1875, 5 mo. 17.	Balance on hand last year,		\$1,034.97
	Income from the fund,		2,425.35
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			\$3,460.32
Paid Yearly Meeting, bills for board and tuition,	\$2,550.00		
Balance on hand,	910.32	\$3,460.32	

There will probably be available for the next school year twenty-four hundred dollars.

The expenses of the school for the year ending 6 mo., 1875, as near as can now be ascertained, are as follows :

Paid for salaries,	\$14,883.84
Paid for wages, (not including farm labor, which is charged in the item "provisions," all the products of the farm being applied to the use of the school,)	5,067.25
Paid for provisions,	18,005.36
Paid for fuel and lighting,	3,593.99
Paid for annual repairs,	6,164.22
Paid for incidental expenses,	735.53
Total,	<hr/> \$48,450.19

The average cost of each pupil, for board and tuition for the year, from above data, is \$241.05.

The income for board and tuition was	\$45,576.51
The income from school fund,	6,887.52
Total receipts,	<hr/> \$52,464.03
Cost of maintaining the school as above,	48,450.19
Showing the approximate earnings to be	<hr/> \$4,013.84

The officers and teachers of the school the past year have been Albert K. Smiley, (who has been assisted during a part of the time by his brother Alfred H. Smiley,) principal; John F. Rowell, governor and teacher of English branches, Autumn term; Daniel C. Maxfield, governor and teacher of English branches, Spring term; Thomas J. Battey, teacher of natural sciences; Daniel C. Maxfield, teacher of mathematics, Autumn term; Alonzo Williams, teacher of Greek, Latin, and German; John M. Potter, teacher of mathematics, Spring term; Job S. Gidley, teacher of grammar and arithmetic; Charles H. Gates, teacher of French; Alexander Grant, teacher of drawing.

Female Department. — Rebecca H. Smiley, principal of female department; Alice R. Wing, governess and teacher of grammar and rhetoric; Bessie T. Wing, teacher of history and literature; Martha G. Reed, teacher of mathematics; Elizabeth G. Wills and Mary Amy Collins, teachers of English branches; Susan S. Moore, teacher of English branches, Autumn term.

LECTURERS. — J. Lewis Diman, lecturer on history; John H. Appleton, lecturer on chemistry and general science; John W. P. Jenks, lecturer on natural history.

The health of the inmates of the school has been generally good, although there have been a few cases of severe illness during the year.

Three cases of scarlet fever and two of typhoid fever occurred in the Fall term. Four of these recovered. The other, John E. Howard, son of Samuel Howard, of Newport, R. I., died 11th mo. 10th, 1874, aged sixteen, of a constitutional disorder, aggravated probably by the previous disease.

About six weeks after the opening of the Spring term, four scholars were at one time taken sick with scarlet fever, which then prevailed to a great extent in the city of Providence, one of whom, P. Edward Moore, aged sixteen, son of Prince G. Moore, of West Falmouth, Mass., died on the 22d of third month, after an illness of less than two days. This young man bore an estimable character in the school, and his sudden death made a deep impression on the family.

Another, B. Herbert Gifford, aged seventeen, son of James E. Gifford, of West Falmouth, Mass., died after a lingering illness of five weeks, fourth month 28th, 1875, a short time after his return home.

On the occasion here referred to some fears were entertained that a general spread of the disease among the children might be anticipated, but by carefully isolating those who were first taken, and permitting some who desired it to return to their homes, the sickness, through the blessing of a kind overruling Providence, did not spread. It speaks well for the healthfulness of the locality and for the arrangements made and appliances provided to promote the health and comfort of the pupils and teachers, that so general a condition of health has prevailed.

Meetings for religious worship continue to be held at the school on First-days at 11 o'clock A. M., and on Fourth-days at the same hour. These meetings, particularly on First-days, have been usually attended by one or more members of the committee, and frequently by ministering friends who have found it in the line of their duty to visit the children in the love of the dear Saviour, and they have been interesting and satisfactory. We would encourage friends to embrace these opportunities to meet with the pupils and their teachers, believing that they would be much benefited by the interest thus manifested in their religious welfare.

First-day afternoons are occupied with Scripture lessons by the whole school, as heretofore.

It is proposed that the present charges for board and tuition be continued, viz. :

For members of our Yearly Meeting,	\$100 per annum.
For members of other Yearly Meetings, or where one or both parents are members of our religious society, or for scholars sent at the expense of such,	190 “
For all others who may be admitted,	300 “

An additional charge of ten dollars to be made for one year's instruction in Greek, Latin, French, German, or drawing; one half payable at the commencement of the year, and one half at the opening after recess.

On behalf and by direction of the committee.

WM. C. TABER, Clerk.

Providence, 6 mo. 1, 1875.

NOTE.—The Autumn term begins 9 mo. 1, 1875, and closes 1 mo. 19, 1876.
 Winter recess begins 1 mo. 19, 1876, and closes 2 mo. 2, 1876.
 Spring term begins 2 mo. 2, 1876, and closes 6 mo. 21, 1876.

Applications for admission to the school should be made seasonably for the meeting of the committee on the 3d of 8th month next. Those who are members of our Yearly Meeting will have precedence of all others to that date, after which applications will be acted upon in the order in which they are received. Those who desire the benefit of the charitable funds, or of the Ebenezer Metcalf donation, should apply at the time specified. In all cases, information is expected of the age, moral habits, and literary attainments of the applicant.

All applications should be made to the principal. Address, ALBERT K. SMILEY, Principal Friends' Boarding School, Providence, R. I.

Which being read and considered, it was approved by this meeting, and many bore a testimony to the increased usefulness of that institution.

13. We appoint Obadiah Chase, Samuel R. Buffinton, William Forster Mitchell, Moses F. Rogers, Charles R. Tucker, George Howland, Jr., Augustus F. Cox, Stephen Cartland, Edward Earle, Samuel H. Colton, Eli Jones, John D. Lang, Ira T. Jenkins, Samuel Buffum, Joseph Taylor, and Reuben T. Jones, to unite with a committee of women Friends in proposing to a future meeting the names of a suitable committee to have the charge and oversight of that school for the ensuing year.

14. George Howland, Jr., and William Dame, are appointed to have printed 200 copies of the boarding school report, and place them in the hands of the representatives of this meeting, to be thus early conveyed to our subordinate meetings.

15. The following summary of the answers to the queries from the Yearly Meeting of Ministers and Elders, has been read in this meeting.

SUMMARY ANSWERS.

ANS. 1. Ministers and Elders are careful (with a little exception mentioned in the answer from two meetings) to be diligent in the attendance of their meetings for worship and discipline, and generally careful to promote the attendance of their families.

ANS. 2. The lives and conversation of Ministers and Elders, we believe, are in a good degree clean and blameless amongst men. They appear to be in unity one with another, and with the meeting to which they belong, with a little exception mentioned in the answers from three of our meetings. Harmony of labor is witnessed in most of our meetings.

ANS. 3. Ministers and Elders endeavor to rule their own houses well, and by example and precept to train up their families in a religious life and conversation consistent with our Christian profession.

ANS. 4. Ministers and Elders are preserved in a good degree of love, and endeavor to encourage or counsel, as occasion may require, in reference to ministry or conduct.

16. We are informed* by the accounts from our several Quarterly Meetings of the following changes, viz.:

17. Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting reports that Elizabeth F. Chase, wife of Josiah Chase, an Elder, and a member of Rhode Island Monthly Meeting, deceased 10th mo. 14th, 1874, aged 77 years 6 months; Mark Anthony, a minister and a member of Swanzey Monthly Meeting, died 11 mo. 3d, 1874, aged 61 years 7 months 28 days; Joseph C. Anthony, an Elder, and a member of the same meeting, departed this life 2d mo. 9th, 1875, aged 72 years 10 months 7 days; and Gideon C. Smith, an Elder, and member of Providence Monthly Meeting, deceased 3d mo. 11th, 1875, aged 73 years 9 months 17 days.

18. Salem Quarter informs us that it has united with Seabrook Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Sarah W. Swett and Charlotte L. Swett to the station of Elder. Stephen Beede, an Elder, and member of Salem Monthly Meeting, died 4 mo. 3d, 1875, aged 77 years 4 months 27 days; Elizabeth P. Gove, an Elder, and member of Weare Monthly Meeting, deceased 5th mo. 26, 1874, aged 85 years 6 months 16 days.

19. Sandwich Quarter reports that Elnathan E. Delano, a minister, a member of New Bedford Monthly Meeting, deceased 8 mo. 1st, 1874, aged 66 years 10 months 19 days.

20. Falmouth Quarter has united with Limington Monthly Meeting in acknowledging the gift and approving the public ministry of Elizabeth H. Cobb, and with the same meeting in the appointment of Moses L. Cobb to the station of Elder; with Windham Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Abbie J. Cook to the same station. Sarah P. Day, a minister, and a member of Durham Monthly Meeting, died 5 mo. 8th, 1875, aged 42 years 6 months 12 days; Elisha Jones, an Elder, a member of Windham Monthly Meeting, deceased 6 mo. 22d, 1874, aged 76 years; Silas Cartland, an Elder, a member of Limington Monthly Meeting, died 2 mo. 22d, 1875, aged 76 years 10 months.

21. Smithfield Quarter has united with Uxbridge Monthly Meeting in acknowledging the gift and approving the public ministry of John B. Daniels; and with Smithfield Monthly Meeting in acknowledging the gift and approving the public ministry of Abel C. Munroe; and it has also united with Bolton Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Reuben A. Wheeler, David B. Wheeler, Mary A. Randall, and Susan E. Wheeler, to the station of Elder; with Smithfield Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Isaac Steere and Avis B. Steere, and also with Uxbridge Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Jonathan F. Southwick to the same station.

22. Vassalborough Quarter has united with China Monthly Meeting in acknowledging the gift and approving the public ministry of J. William Jacob and S. Narcissa Jacob; and

with the same meeting in the appointment of Charles Winslow to the station of Elder; with Unity Monthly Meeting in acknowledging the gift and approving the public ministry of Sarah J. Cole. Caleb Nichols, an Elder, and member of Vassalborough Monthly Meeting, deceased 12 mo. 24, 1874, aged 81 years 4 months 25 days; Joseph H. Cole, an Elder, and member of the same meeting, died 5 mo. 25th, 1875, aged 71 years 8 months 15 days.

23. Dover Quarter reports that Comfort Hoag, a minister and member of Sandwich Monthly Meeting, N. H., deceased 1st mo. 13th, 1875, aged 88 years 9 months 8 days; and Joseph Tuttle, a minister, and a member of Dover Monthly Meeting, died 4 mo. 28th, 1874, aged 87 years.

24. Fairfield Quarter has united with Sidney Monthly Meeting in the appointment of James Shearman to the station of Elder. Noah Farr, an Elder, and member of Litchfield Monthly Meeting, deceased 4 mo. 12th, 1875, aged 66 years 3 months 25 days.

Adjourned to 10 o'clock on Second-day morning, the 14th.

SECOND-DAY — *Morning, 6 mo. 14th.* — The meeting assembled.

25. The representatives present except six.

26. Smithfield Quarterly Meeting proposes that the hour of commencing that meeting be changed from 11 to 10½ A. M., when held at Woonsocket, Northbridge, and Bolton, which change this meeting approves.

27. Vassalborough Quarterly Meeting proposes that the holding of that meeting at China be changed from the 2d to the 5th mo., and in the 2d month it be held at Vassalborough. The proposition is affirmed by this meeting.

28. Our beloved friend Seneca H. Stevens, a minister from Amawalk Monthly Meeting, New York, is acceptably with us. A certificate of unity with him from that meeting was read.

29. The records of this meeting for the last year were now read.

30. Henry T. Wood, James B. Congdon, and J. William

Jacob, are appointed to gather the religious exercises of the meeting during the time occupied in reading the answers to the queries from our Quarterly Meetings, to embody the same in a minute, and present it to a future sitting.

31. The meeting now proceeded in a solemn manner to consider the state of society, by reading the answers to the queries which have come up from our Quarterly Meetings, and during this interesting engagement the covering of the Lord's spirit was witnessed to be over us, and his servants were bowed in prayer, asking for his guidance and keeping power; and they were enabled in love to hand forth much salutary counsel and advice. And having proceeded in the reading of the first and second queries, with the answers thereto, the meeting then adjourned to 4 o'clock in the afternoon, when Friends again assembled, and finished the reading of the queries and answers. A lively sense of the condescending love and presence of the great Head of the Church was witnessed in our midst, and we were tendered and edified together.

Adjourned to 10 A. M. to-morrow morning.

THIRD-DAY — *Morning, 6 mo. 15, 1875.* — Friends again assembled.

32. Our beloved friend Rufus P. King is acceptably in the attendance of this meeting. Certificates of unity on his behalf from Spiceland Monthly and Spiceland Quarterly Meetings were read.

33. The following statistical information has been received from our Quarterly Meetings, viz. :

	Births.	Deaths.	Moved into.	Moved out.	Admitted.	Released.	Present Number.
Rhode Island, . . .	3	16	10	23	12	1	663
Salem,	6	22	26	13	5	8	723
Sandwich,	1	19	12	8	19	3	790
Falmouth,	4	12	18	10	17	6	559
Smithfield,	6	7	11	4	22	0	453
Vassalborough,	1	22	0	6	3	2	555
Dover,	1	6	0	0	0	1	316
Fairfield,	4	10	12	8	21	0	390
	26	114	89	72	99	21	4449

Giving the number of members composing the Yearly

Meeting at this time, 4,449

Number reported last year, 4,397

Exhibiting an increase of 52

34. These statistics coming up in an imperfect condition, our subordinate meetings are requested to comply with the requirements of our discipline, so that the accounts sent up in the future may be correct.

35. Henry H. Mosher, a beloved friend, of Brooklyn, N. Y., in his last will and testament made certain bequests, as set forth in the following extracts from his will, which have been directed to this meeting by his executors, Edmund Titus, William B. Collins, and Henry Dickinson.

This subject claiming our consideration, it was the judgment of the meeting that the trust thus hereby created be accepted, and it was accordingly accepted by this meeting. We appoint Joseph E. Macomber, Thomas Harkness, Augustine Jones, Moses F. Rogers, Matthew Howland, David K. Akin, Abram Winslow, George Douglass, Richard Battey, Edward Earle, Charles B. Cates, Ebenezer Frye, Timothy

B. Hussey, Jacob K. Purinton, George Richardson, and Joseph Taylor, to present to a future meeting the names of three Friends to be appointed trustees and authorized to receive this fund on behalf of this meeting.

TO NEW ENGLAND YEARLY MEETING :

The following is an extract from the will of Henry H. Mosher, deceased :

“ And in the next place, that they divide the remaining two thirds of my estate into four equal parts, and pay over one of said parts to trustees to be appointed by the Yearly Meetings of the religious society of Friends of New York, New England, Philadelphia, and Ohio, (such Yearly Meetings as are in unity with the London Yearly Meeting) : provided, that should either of said Yearly Meetings decline to accept their share, then my said executors are to offer the same to such other Yearly Meetings on this continent as they may select, and in unity with said London Yearly Meeting, as will accept the same. I do earnestly entreat such of the Yearly Meetings which accept the said shares that they treat the fund as a permanent one, to be invested by the trustees appointed by it, and their successors, the income of which is to be applied, under the direction of said Yearly Meeting, for the purpose of printing and circulating books and tracts inculcating and developing the principles of the Christian religion, as preached and promulgated by the early Friends. The condition of the acceptance of this bequest to those Yearly Meetings being that no charge whatever shall be made to this fund for the carrying out of the same. And I do nominate and appoint my friends Edmund Titus, William B. Collins, and Henry Dickinson, executors of this my last will and testament.”

Henry H. Mosher died in the city of Brooklyn, and his will was probated twelfth month first, eighteen hundred and seventy-four.

EDMUND TITUS, WILLIAM B. COLLINS, HENRY DICKINSON,	}	Executors of the estate of Henry H. Mosher, decd.
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New York, 3d month 1st, 1875.

Adjourned, to meet in joint session with women Friends at 4 o'clock this afternoon.

Afternoon. — The meeting convened in joint session.

36. The records of the Representative Meeting for the past year were now read. The doings of that body are approved by this meeting.

37. The Act of Incorporation obtained from the legislature of the State of Maine to enable this Yearly Meeting to hold its sessions on alternate years in that State not being satisfactory, we refer the subject to the Representative Meeting for further consideration until next year.

38. The state of our members in the British Provinces being brought to our notice through a communication from China Monthly Meeting to the Representative Meeting, that body is requested to extend a Christian care to those dear friends in their isolated situation, and report next year.

The meeting then adjourned, to meet in joint session at 10 o'clock to-morrow morning.

FOURTH-DAY — *Morning, the 16th.* — Friends again met in joint session.

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

39. The joint committee under appointment by this meeting upon the interesting subject of Foreign Missions, submitted their annual report, viz. :

TO THE YEARLY MEETING :

The joint committee intrusted with the concern of this meeting upon the subject of Foreign Missions, present the following report, viz. :

We have much cause to thankfully acknowledge that during the past year we have been permitted to go on in the work for which we were appointed, and we have esteemed it a privilege to be able to assist and encourage our dear friends who are engaged to spread the light of the gospel among the inhabitants of Mt. Lebanon.

We can again testify, as last year, that the work has been manifestly owned of the Lord. He has blessed and helped it from the beginning until now, and to Him would we give all the glory.

Our friends Theophilus Waldemeier and his wife are still at the head of the mission work in Brumana, with four native assistants. One of these, Hanni Ferach, when only a child at the Bethlehem Orphanage,

would go out into the streets and read to the little ignorant children the account of the dear Saviour who was cradled in a manger in their city. Now grown to be a young woman, she writes that she is glad to work upon Mt. Lebanon, because she "knows how sweet it is to be with Jesus," and she desires that others may be led to Him. Another, Muallim Leman, has been led through affliction to the only true source of comfort. We believe all the teachers are sincere Christians, and conscientious in the performance of their work.

There have been five day-schools successfully sustained, with an attendance of about two hundred scholars. One school was established in a village where the people were very bigoted. At first only twelve boys came, but the number soon increased to thirty, and when the priest tried to break it up by reading a sentence of excommunication against all who sent their children to it, the people said, "We have no master but Jesus Christ; we don't care for that paper."

Religious meetings have been held every First-day, and well attended, more than one hundred persons present. Theophilus Waldemeier writes, "Some of the people begin to realize the wonderful love of God, as revealed to poor sinners through Jesus Christ. Occasionally some of the more advanced say a few words in meeting, and some have offered up simple but touching prayers." This is the more interesting when we contrast with it some accounts given of the fearful state of superstition prevailing around them, the Maronite priests being regarded by the people as having all power to save or condemn; and proclamation was made on one occasion that those who should kiss the hand of a newly ordained priest would obtain remission of their sins for forty years. Truly may Theophilus Waldemeier say that, spiritually, "it is the most needy country that I have ever seen."

Our friend Waldemeier came to London about the time of the Yearly Meeting in 1874, and not long after was received a member of the Society of Friends. While in England he called the attention of Friends there to the need of a home for destitute orphans at Brumana, Mt. Lebanon. This need commended itself to the sympathies of our transatlantic friends, and they readily subscribed several hundred pounds toward the work, and authorized him to go forward in the erection of a suitable building for the purpose. A Missionary Society in Sweden has forwarded £40 sterling for this work. The step has been concurred in by your committee, and a subscription set on foot toward collecting our proportion of the amount needful for the erection and maintenance of the orphanage. For the amount subscribed now,

and needed in the future, we would refer to the accompanying report of our treasurer.

The way thus appearing to be made for Theophilus Waldemeier to commence this work, he purchased a suitable tract of land, for which he paid £72 sterling. It is on the slope of the mountain, overlooking the Mediterranean sea, has two springs of water and some trees; the latter, so valuable in eastern countries, are duly mentioned in the deed of sale. Coal has also been found in it.

He commenced to collect the materials for the building, and to dig the foundation, but he has been much annoyed by the Maronite priests, and he has been obliged to refer the case to a higher court. The last letter, however, states that there is a prospect that the matter will be satisfactorily adjusted.

In spite of all this persecution and difficulty, Theophilus Waldemeier writes, "I have no reason for being cast down or dismayed, but I have many reasons for being glad in the Lord. The Lord knows what is best for us, and he will give his children the right measure of trouble and the right measure of gladness, all in the right time. Blessed are they who are able to acknowledge and realize the guiding hand of our Heavenly Father in every thing, circumstance, and time. I am not discouraged: our Heavenly Father will stand for us; he will defend our right."

We recommend that this interesting subject should continue to receive the care of the Yearly Meeting.

For the committee.

SUSAN TABER, Clerk.

Newport, 6 mo. 15th, 1875.

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN MISSIONS OF NEW ENGLAND YEARLY MEETING,
IN ACCOUNT WITH GEO. HOWLAND, JR., TREASURER:

1874, 6 mo.	To balance from last year,	\$194.53	
	To amount received from within the limits of our own Yearly Meeting,	1,971.83	
	From members of other Yearly Meetings,	305.25	
	For Hanni Ferach,	12.10	
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			\$2,483.71
By amount paid for exchange on London sent T. Wal-			
demeier, including \$12.10 sent H. Ferach,		\$840.42	
1875, 6 mo.	By balance to new account,	1,643.29	\$2,483.71
			GEO. HOWLAND, JR., Treasurer.

Newport, 6 mo. 13th, 1875.

NOTE. — Fifteen hundred dollars of the amount in the treasury, our proportion of the expense of building the orphanage on Mt. Lebanon, will very soon be forwarded to T. Waldemeier, which will absorb a large share of the funds now in hand, leaving but a small balance for next year's work.

Which being read, the amount of care and attention given to this interesting concern, and the progress which has been made in mission work in Syria, received a very full response of approval and encouragement from the meeting. The committee appointed last year are continued on this service for the ensuing year, and they are encouraged to labor to promote this cause, with the assurance that they have the sympathy and prayers of this meeting. And our Monthly Meetings are requested to appoint committees to cooperate with these in forwarding this branch of our Christian work.

Names of Committee. — Eli Jones, Ellen L. Congdon, Joseph E. Macomber, Timothy K. Earle, Rebecca H. Smiley, John H. Crosman, Thomas Wood, Susan Taber, Deborah W. Crosman, Harriet N. Jones, George Howland, Jr., Sylvia G. Howland, Jabez Wood, Charles M. Bailey, Albert C. Buffum, Ann B. Earle, Charles C. Varney, Lydia Ann Cartland, Abby S. Battey, Lydia E. Sawyer, Mary B. Breed of Weare, Anna G. Wood, Charles B. Cates, Margaret B. Cates, Obadiah Chase, Julia Ann Hodgdon, and Benjamin F. Knowles.

BOARDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

40. The joint committee appointed to present to this meeting the names of a committee to have charge of our boarding school for the ensuing year, submitted the following, viz. :

Names of Committee. — Benjamin Buffum, Charles F. Coffin, George Howland, Jr., Edward Earle, Augustus F. Cox, Timothy B. Hussey, Charles B. Cates, Moses Bailey, George Bowen, William Forster Mitchell, Charles R. Tucker, William C. Taber, Edward W. Howland, George L. Collins, Samuel R. Buffinton, Samuel H. Colton, Ellen K. Buffum, Ann Maria Coffin, Anna G. Wood, S. Jane Cox, Ann B. Earle, Margaret B. Cates, Anna M. Hussey, Hannah J. Bai-

ley, Dorcas F. Tucker, Laura S. Collins, Rebecca C. Grinnell, Ann K. Colton, Lydia Haight, Sylvia G. Howland, Phebe S. Gifford, Hannah B. Sawyer; which were approved, and they are appointed to have the charge and oversight of the institution for the ensuing year.

And we hereby authorize and empower the school committee, acting on behalf of this meeting, to make sales of such portions of the "Thomas L. Halsey land, so called," at such times, and for such sums of money, as in their judgment will most favorably promote the interest of the school. And George Howland, Jr., the treasurer of this Yearly Meeting, or his successor in that office, is hereby authorized and directed to make and execute good and sufficient deeds of conveyance, and sign the same on behalf of this meeting, adopting his seal as the corporate seal of this meeting, when requested so to do by the said school committee; and they are directed, when such moneys are received by them, to add the amount to the permanent school fund, the income to be used for schooling the children of this Yearly Meeting, unless in the judgment of the committee there should exist a necessity for a part of the money to be used in some needed outlay on the original school buildings.

Adjourned, to meet at 4 P. M. in joint session.

Afternoon. — Friends again assembled.

SECULAR EDUCATION.

41. A report from the committee on Secular Education has been read and accepted, containing interesting statistical information, obtained by careful inquiry in our different Monthly Meetings. And while we thus observe the small proportion of our children who are enjoying the benefit of instruction under the influence of Friends, the query arises whether we are not too many of us too much losing sight of what so early claimed the serious attention of our Society, the education of youth in accordance with our principles and practices, and whether the small value which some appear to

attach to the privilege of membership with us may not often be traced to the want of suitable parental instruction, or to the effect of associations formed in mixed schools, where the views of Friends are little known and respected. We trust this subject, so vital to our continued usefulness as a religious society, will be found claiming our increased attention, and that the facilities which our young people may rightly demand, for liberal intellectual culture, may be provided in our own schools and colleges, and brought within the reach of all our members.

We fully approve the proposition contained in this report, to appoint a judicious Friend to visit during the year all our Monthly Meetings, for the purpose of obtaining correct statistics, and to interest parents and children in favor of denominational schools.

We continue the same committee which have served so acceptably the past year, and they are requested to secure a suitable person to perform the above services, and are authorized to draw upon the treasurer of the Yearly Meeting for a sum not exceeding \$700, to meet the necessary expenses.

Names of Committee.—Augustine Jones, Deborah W. Crosman, Thomas J. Battey, Carrie Alice Jones, Charles H. Jones, H. Lizzie Jones.

TO NEW ENGLAND YEARLY MEETING OF FRIENDS :

The committee on Secular Education report, that they have attended to their appointment, and have obtained from the clerks of our Monthly Meetings the statistics, of which the following is a summary, viz. :

1. That there are seven hundred and thirty-four children over five and under twenty-one years of age.

2. That five hundred and ninety-four children have attended school, as follows :

Three months,	205	
Six months,	219	
Nine months,	170	594

3. That there are ninety-nine children who have attended Friends' schools, as follows :

Providence Boarding School,	67*	
Oak Grove,	10	
Clinton Grove,	16	
Monthly Meeting and Private Schools,	6	99

4. That there are, who are known to be desirous of attending schools under the care of Friends, but have not the means, ninety-five.

5. That there are thirteen Friends attending college as follows, viz. :

Brown University (Baptist,)	7	
Wesleyan University (Methodist,)	2	
Yale (Congregational,)	1	
Haverford (Friends'),	3	13

6. That there are, who are known to be preparing for college, fifteen.

7. That there are, who are known to be desirous of taking a college course, and have not the means, twenty-three.

8. That there are ninety-nine Friends teaching, or who have taught during a portion of the year, as follows, viz. :

Professors, not in Friends' colleges,	3	
Teachers in Friends' Boarding schools,	13	
“ Public High schools,	6	
“ Friends' Private schools,	2	
“ Common schools,	74	
Teacher in State Normal school, R. I.,	1	99

9. That there is one Monthly Meeting school.

10. That the amount of school funds reported, exclusive of all boarding school funds, is \$12,273.43. Annual income of the same, \$1,032.38.

The committee are of opinion that many of the numbers in the above statistics are too small, but they are presented as the nearest approximation to the truth to be attained by them, with the means provided therefor by the Yearly Meeting.

The committee invite the attention of the Yearly Meeting to the apparent fact that there are six hundred and seven children between the ages of five and twenty-one years, who are not attending Friends' schools at all ; and to the yet more significant statement in the report,

* The Principal reports 95, and 7 children of Friends formerly associated with us.

that there are ninety-five of these children known to be desirous of attending schools under the care of Friends, and have not the means.

The committee regret to say, upon careful examination, that they believe that Friends are not generally sufficiently awakened to the importance of denominational schools, and of denominational education. It appears to them that the greatest need of this generation is moral and religious instruction, and that the home and the church must furnish them; that the home must not be relied on altogether, because parents are not aroused to the gravity and importance of the subject. And further, that neither devotional meetings nor First-day schools can wholly accomplish this, because neither sufficient time nor opportunity is afforded in them. The excellent teachings of these must be supplemented by daily instruction in secular schools, under the care and direction of the church. That there are schools everywhere for culture of intellect, for development of brain power; that there are not many which furnish genuine discipline for the heart; that if this is essentially the work of the church, then the Society of Friends ought to do its portion of it. And that since this instruction is both moral and religious, we must not be satisfied with presenting merely our moral and social testimonies, but we ought earnestly to impress upon the rising generation the distinctive and substantive principles of the Society of Friends; that is to say, the gospel as interpreted by us.

The committee therefore recommend that the committee of next year be authorized to appoint a judicious Friend or Friends to visit during that year each Monthly Meeting, for the purpose, first, of obtaining full statistics and information on the subject of education; and second, for the purpose of presenting both to parents and children the peculiar use and need of denominational instruction. And that the committee, in payment for such services, be authorized to draw on the treasury of this meeting for a sum not exceeding seven hundred dollars.

And the committee further suggest, in view of the increasing desire among Friends for instruction at college, and of the much greater value of such instruction at large and well endowed institutions, whether the time has not fully come when this Yearly Meeting ought to invite the other Yearly Meetings on this continent to cooperate with it in establishing and maintaining, at some central point, one college of the very highest grade.

And in conclusion, the committee suggest that since we have nearly one hundred teachers reported, we ought to have Normal instruction, either at the boarding school or elsewhere, by which our teachers might

be trained, not only to skill in their profession as teachers, but to present accurately and forcibly the gospel truths which we as a Society are called to promulgate. The importance of this is readily seen in the benefit which has accrued to the Society of Friends in England from the Flounders' Institute at Ackworth.

AUGUSTINE JONES,	} In behalf of the Committee.
CAROLINE ALICE JONES,	
DEBORAH W. CROSMAN,	
CHAS. H. JONES,	
HULDAH LIZZIE JONES,	

GENERAL MEETINGS.

42. The following satisfactory report from the committee on General Meetings, held within our limits, was presented, namely :

TO THE YEARLY MEETING :

The joint committee appointed to take charge of the General Meetings held within our limits, report as follows :

There have been five General Meetings held during the past year, viz. : At Fairfield, Maine ; Woonsocket, R. I. ; Burrillville, R. I. ; Fall River, Mass. ; and New Bedford, Mass.

There have also been several series of meetings held during the year, and we have had evidence that all have been owned and blessed by the Lord.

A full and free salvation was proclaimed in demonstration of the Spirit and of power, and many were led to receive the pardon of their sins through faith in our Lord Jesus Christ, and others who had long loved the Lord were enabled to see their privileges in the gospel, and through entire consecration to receive the Lord Jesus as able to keep them from the dominion and power of sin, that they might walk with Him in newness of life.

The principles of the gospel, as we profess them, have been made more widely known, and through all we have had abundant cause for gratitude and thanksgiving to the great Head of the Church, that he has so blessed our feeble efforts for the promotion of his cause and kingdom.

We believe it would be right for the Yearly Meeting to continue this work, under the care of a committee, as heretofore.

On behalf of the committee.

ELI JONES.

ANNA G. WOOD.

Newport, 6 mo. 15, 1875.

And we reappoint the committee that served last year, with the addition of Henry T. Wood, Edward W. Howland, Geo. Bowen, David K. Akin, Abigail C. Beede, Joseph E. Macomber, J. William Jacob, Joseph H. Pratt, Harriet D. Collins, Harriet N. Jones, and Sibyl Narcissa Jacob, trusting that the subject will continue to receive their prayerful attention, and that all meetings thus appointed may be so gathered into Christ, our Holy Head, that through his life and power they may prove seasons of individual blessing, and of blessing to the church.

Names of Committee.—Eli Jones, William C. Taber, Anna G. Wood, Sarah W. Goddard, John Cartland, Lydia Haight, Richard Battey, William O. Newhall, Thomas B. Buffum, Moses Bailey, Rebecca H. Smiley, Anna T. Dennis, Abigail M. Hanson, Susan Taber, Timothy B. Hussey, Edward W. Collins, Jane C. Minott, Phœbe P. Jones, Hannah G. Sawyer, Matthew Howland, Henry T. Wood, Edward W. Howland, George Bowen, David K. Akin, Abigail C. Beede, Joseph E. Macomber, J. William Jacob, Joseph H. Pratt, Harriet D. Collins, Harriet N. Jones, and Sibyl Narcissa Jacob.

43. Our Quarterly Meetings are requested to appoint committees to cooperate with the above committee, and render them such assistance in their respective Quarterly Meetings as may tend to promote this engagement.

Adjourned, to meet in separate sessions to-morrow at 4 P. M.

4 o'clock P. M. — Friends again assembled, 6 mo. 17th.

44. The representatives present except 19. Reasons were assigned for the absence of 4.

45. The representatives in the attendance of this Yearly Meeting from our several Quarterly Meetings, in accordance with the provisions of our discipline, have presented the following names to constitute a Representative Meeting for the coming year, viz. :

Names.—Thomas Harkness, George Bowen, Gertrude W. Cartland, Anna T. Dennis, William O. Newhall, Charles F.

Coffin, Abigail M. Hanson, Hannah B. Sawyer, George Howland, Jr., Charles R. Tucker, Rebecca C. Grinnell, Susan Taber, George Douglass, Augustus F. Cox, S. Jane Cox, Elizabeth A. Douglass, Samuel H. Colton, Richard Battey, Ann B. Earle, Ann K. Colton, Thomas B. Nichols, Eli Jones, Mary C. Jones, Sarah W. Goddard, Jacob K. Purinton, Samuel Buffum, Elmira B. Buffum, Lydia E. Jenkins, Moses Bailey, Reuben T. Jones, Phebe P. Jones, Hannah J. Bailey, Perez Peck, George Richardson, Edward W. Howland, Augustine Jones, Thomas A. Wheeler, William C. Taber, Benjamin Buffum, Samuel R. Buffinton, Matthew Howland, Edward Earle, Ebenezer Frye, Joseph Cartland, Henry T. Wood, Lemuel Jones, Moses Sawyer, Stephen Jones, Thomas Folsom.

The nomination is approved by this meeting, and the Women's Yearly Meeting concurring herein, they are appointed on that service for the year ensuing.

46. The committee appointed at a previous sitting, charged with the duty of proposing to this meeting the names of three Friends to be appointed trustees by and on behalf of this meeting, to receive from the executors to the will of our friend Henry H. Mosher, late of Brooklyn, N. Y., deceased, the bequest given to this Yearly Meeting as set forth in his last will and testament, to be held by said trustees under the direction of this meeting, have proposed the names of Edward W. Howland, Charles F. Coffin, and Charles M. Bailey, whose names being approved, they are hereby appointed trustees, in accordance with the provision of said will, and they are directed faithfully to carry out the provisions contained therein relating to said bequest. And this meeting now authorizes and empowers the said trustees with full authority to receive from said executors all sums of money which may from time to time belong to this bequest; and we now further authorize the said Edward W. Howland, Charles F. Coffin, and Charles M. Bailey, as our trustees, to give to said executors a full discharge for all moneys by them received on behalf of this meeting, and on behalf of themselves as trustees.

This meeting further directs said trustees to invest, and if occasion requires to reinvest, the property of the trust which is hereby created, in such permanent safe investments as their judgment may dictate, the income arising therefrom to be held by them until further directed by this meeting. And the said trustees are directed to report annually, and Charles R. Tucker, the clerk of this meeting, is directed to furnish the said executors, and also the trustees, with copies of this minute, and also copies of the minute made at a previous sitting, and sign them on behalf of this meeting.

47. The Women's Yearly Meeting has concurred in all our doings relating to this trust.

PEACE.

48. The committee of this meeting upon the subject of Peace, which is a subject that has been from the first rise of this Society one of our distinguishing features, it being so fully set forth in the teachings of our Lord, have laid before the meeting their report, viz. :

TO THE YEARLY MEETING :

The joint committee on the subject of universal Peace report,—that during the past year considerable has been effected in the distribution of reading matter, and of tracts illustrative of the principles of Peace. To representative men in different parts of New England documents of various kinds have been furnished, and in a large number of instances we find that these different works, the elaborate essay, the periodical, or the convenient tract, have been not only kindly received, but read with thoughtful appreciation.

In the 2d month last an interesting conference, continued through two sessions, was held at New Bedford, which was attended by a goodly number of its citizens, and by other persons of that neighborhood. The history of the efforts by the different governments of Europe and America, in favor of international arbitration and of universal Peace, were laid before the meeting, and added materially to the interest of the occasion. A Peace meeting was soon after held in the village of Woonsocket, R. I., by appointment of some members of the committee and other Friends, which was attended by an interested audience.

The committee arranged for the “*Messenger of Peace*” to be sent, free of expense to the recipients for one year, to such persons in various parts of the country as in their judgment would be interested in perusing its contents.

Much of the labor devolving upon the committee is quiet and unobtrusive, but if done in faith, not only in the cause, but also in its Author, the Prince of Peace, we believe it will not be in vain.

The amount expended by the committee is as follows, viz. :

Amount remaining in the hands of the committee last year,	\$225.26	
1875. Paid for 100 copies of the <i>Messenger of Peace</i> one year,	\$35.00	
For expenses of Peace Conference at New Bedford, and for printing,	18.35	
Cost of Peace tracts and reading matter purchased,	17.17	70.52
Balance now in hand,		\$154.74

On behalf of the committee.

MATTHEW HOWLAND.
ABBY S. BATTEY.

Newport, 6th mo. 16, 1875.

Which being read, was interesting and satisfactory to us, but as Peace men we feel that we are coming far short in doing what seems to be our duty; the principles of Peace being one of the means in the hands of the great Head of the Church to bring men to Christ. The same committee are reappointed on this service, and are encouraged to labor in this cause as ability may be afforded.

Committee.—*Men*—Eli Jones, John H. Crosman, Joseph H. Atwater, Timothy B. Hussey, Matthew Howland, Charles C. Varney, Edward W. Howland, Samuel R. Buffinton, Joseph Cartland, George Richardson, Charles M. Bailey, Charles Taber, Gideon Wood, Jabez Wood, Thomas B. Nichols, Joseph E. Macomber, Henry T. Wood, Nathaniel Gifford, George H. Pope, Herod Chase, Charles A. Nichols, Edward Y. Austin. *Women*—Ann K. Colton, Rachel S. Howland, Susan Taber, Dorcas F. Tucker, Eliza B. Boyce, Abigail C. Beede, Gertrude W. Cartland, Ann B. Earle, S. Narcissa Jacob, Dorcas B. Robinson, Anna T. Dennis, Ellen K. Buffum, Mary A. Smith, Abby S. Battey, Sylvia G. Howland.

INDIANS.

49. The abiding concern of this meeting on behalf and for the aborigines of our land having resulted in setting apart a committee for laboring to advance the well-being of the Indians located west of the Mississippi river, both spiritually and morally, that committee have now submitted the following communication, to wit :

TO THE YEARLY MEETING :

The joint committee appointed in aid of the concern of this meeting for the improvement of the Indians located west of the Mississippi river, report.

Arrangements were promptly made to engage in the labor more especially assigned to us by the Yearly Meeting, viz., the supervision of schools within the limits of the Quapaw Agency in the Indian Territory. As reported last year, four schools are sustained within the limits of this Agency, but only two of these are under our care, viz., one a Mission school, composed of children of the Quapaw and Modoc tribes, and the other the Peoria day-school. The former, of which Emmeline H. Tuttle continues to be the efficient teacher and matron, has been in continuous session since the 1st of 7th month last. The enrollment since the commencement of the present year has been 75, with an average attendance of 72. To conduct this large family, composed of at least 80 persons, with the requisite care for the physical, mental and moral needs of all, draws heavily upon the powers of our friends Asa and Emmeline Tuttle.

The Peoria school opened 12th mo. 1st, under the charge of Simeon Geboc, an Indian, and was continued four months. It commenced again on the 10th of 5th month, with Joseph H. Newlin as teacher, and an average attendance of 20 scholars.

Of the progress of the children in their studies, and their advancement in civilization, we have received encouraging assurances from time to time during the year. Emmeline Tuttle says, under date of 2d mo. 10, "Their advancement in learning is indeed surprising; their interest in study does not wane, and they are rapidly developing." Agent Jones also writes, "On the whole, our schools have been very satisfactory and encouraging the present year." When we remember that English is not their native tongue, and that the ability to speak the language must first be acquired, their commendable progress is the more remarkable. A letter received a short time since from three of

the girls in the Mission, and written, as Emmeline Tuttle informs, without assistance, is a very creditable production.

A number of the boys have been usefully employed as helpers in the farm work, and are also gradually acquiring the habits of thrift and industry essential to civilized life. Some of the girls are also instructed in sewing and knitting, and they seem highly gratified with this opportunity to learn, and with the knowledge they have gained.

To the continued faithfulness and efficiency of Asa C. and Emmeline H. Tuttle, our care-takers at the Mission, we can bear cheerful testimony. The oversight of the work upon the farm, which includes 30 acres sown with wheat, 20 in oats, an equal area of corn, with the production of all the garden vegetables, and the milk and butter required for the Mission family, the preparation and care of the needed clothing for 75 children, some of whom have hitherto been unaccustomed to its use, with the varied and responsible duties involved in the social, intellectual, and religious culture of these untutored objects of their care, appear to have been performed with a zeal and cheerful alacrity highly satisfactory and encouraging to the committee.

The religious feeling which has pervaded the Mission during the year is truly gratifying. Under date of 2d mo. 10, Emmeline Tuttle writes: "The Lord has wonderfully blessed us this winter, and lately, especially, there has been a deep religious element among the children. Our Mary Shearman, a Quapaw girl, has recently acknowledged that she loved the Lord, and a few evenings since, while several were testifying for Jesus, she wept like an infant, but could not find relief until she said, through an interpreter, that she loved Jesus, and wished us to pray for her. She said she was very weak, hadn't known Jesus but a little while, but she thought the Lord would make her strong. Jim Modoc has passed through a similar experience, and many others are being wrought upon. One boy said to me last night, 'I want a good heart; I know I haven't got it yet, but I'm trying some to do right, and I want to try harder every day.' Nearly all the children are at times tendered at the awful presence of Jehovah."

A most encouraging feature in this connection is the fact that the religious feeling is reaching to the old Quapaw people, many of whom attend their First-day meetings regularly. E. Tuttle says, "The head man in the nation is really becoming a preacher of righteousness; he comes every Sabbath and speaks of the goodness of God." Of one of their religious meetings she writes: "There was one man present who made a confession for the first time in his life. He said he was at the

head of 400 scouts during the war, had shot down many a man, and had been terribly wicked. He now feels the burden of his sins to be very heavy, and is seeking salvation through the merits of Jesus. It was an affecting sight to see the tears of penitence flow fast from his eyes and fall to the floor."

In a letter just received from Asa Tuttle, he writes, "Not long since a Modoc Indian nearly of full stature was heard, while engaged in his round of duty, repeating with much emphasis that Bible text, 'God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son that whosoever believeth on him should not perish, but have everlasting life.'" Alluding to religious influences among the children, he says: "As evidence of the genuine character of this work, we have overheard some of these dear ones engaged in prayer, and in visiting from bed to bed, before retiring. The tremulous voice and earnest pathos with which they appeal to their fellows who are still unchanged, tell plainly of the origin of their concern."

A Temperance pledge has been introduced to the Mission, which has been signed by many of the children, and also by 19 adults in the First-day school.

The American Bible Society have kindly forwarded to the Mission during the year a donation of 200 bibles and testaments for the children in the school, and to be presented to such Indians in the neighborhood as are able to read and are desirous of obtaining a copy.

The financial account of the committee is as follows:

RECEIPTS.

1874.

6 mo.	By balance of former account,	\$36.15
11 mo. 9.	Remittance from J. K. Purinton, quota from Dover,	32.00
12 mo. 2.	Recd. of Thos. Folsom, for Seabrook Monthly Meeting,	25.50
	5. From Rhode Island Quarter, by James Dennis,	184.00
	22. From Fairfield, by Moses Bailey,	49.50
	29. From Matthew Howland, for Sandwich Quarter,	248.00

1875.

1 mo. 12.	From Edward Earle, for Smithfield,	50.00
2 mo.	From Falmouth, by Augustus F. Cox,	33.23
4 mo. 6.	By Charles B. Cates, for Vassalborough Quarter,	48.00
	12. Z. Breed, for Weare Monthly Meeting,	25.55
	13. From Salem Monthly Meeting, by William A. Brown,	117.60
6 mo. 5.	From Friends of Providence, for Modoc women, by G. W. Cartland,	32.00
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EXPENDITURES.

1874.	Paid for paper, envelopes, slates and pencils,	\$6.55
	For boys' made clothing, hats, caps, &c.,	145.91
	For crockery, knives, spoons, and tinware,	39.63
	For prints, dress goods, cotton cloth, yarn, stockings, &c.,	255.90
	Cash sent Asa C. Tuttle, for freight and other expenses,	52.00
1875.	Paid for 20 pairs wool blankets,	80.00
	For shoes for boys and girls,	142.86
3 mo. 29.	Paid for lesson charts for school,	5.25
3 mo.	Paid for ready-made clothing,	10.52
5 mo.	For cotton cloth, ticking, dress goods, prints, thread, &c.,	100.89
6 mo. 3.	Check sent Asa C. Tuttle, for freights, &c.,	12.00
	7. Knitting cotton, yarn, needles, cloth, &c., for Modoc women,	28.91
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	Balance in hand,	1.31
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The report is interesting, and is acceptable and encouraging to us, and our sympathies are renewedly awakened to labor for the promotion of this cause, and to put forth fresh efforts for the well-being and improvement of these our western brethren. We continue the committee of last year, except our late dear friend Gulielma W. Howland, (deceased,) and Cynthia Bowen, (released on account of ill health,) with the addition of Susan Taber, Cynthia J. Earle, and Anna G. Wood.

50. The executive committee acting on behalf of this meeting on Indian affairs for the Central Agency, report as follows, viz. :

TO THE YEARLY MEETING :

The committee on Indian affairs connected with the Associated Executive Committee of the several Yearly Meetings, having the care of those Indians in the Central superintendency, report,—that the agents under the care of Enoch Hoag, our superintendent, are the same they were at this time last year, and that most of them have done the best that circumstances would allow.

Meetings of the Associated Executive Committee have been held as follows : A special meeting at Lawrence Kansas, in seventh month last ; a regular meeting at Richmond, Ind., in 9th mo. last ; and an-

other at Damascus, Ohio, 4th mo. 7th, 1875. The next meeting is to be held at Indianapolis, 10th mo. 27th, 1875.

The Washington committee have held three special meetings, and individual members have been to Washington at various times to hold interviews with officers of Interior Department and members of Congress.

The work has been a growing one, and the labors of the committee have been much more complicated than in former years, owing to the prevalence of the war spirit among some of the wild Indians, which has been aroused by the doings of wicked white men. These troubles have existed mostly in the three southern agencies, viz., that of the Kiowas and Comanches, at Fort Sill, J. M. Haworth agent; the Wichitas, at Andarka, J. Richards agent; the Cheyennes and Arrapahoes, at Darlington, J. D. Miles agent. Many of those belonging to these tribes have, however, remained peaceful and loyal, and confiding in the care of their agents.

The committee had been led to expect that between 3000 and 4000 of these Indians, which had been taken as prisoners of war, would have been ere this removed north, to the vicinity of the Quapaw agency, but for some cause they have been allowed to remain, and been distributed among these agencies for Friends to care for. This carries the appearance of sharp practice on us, but we will not judge it, trusting it may be overruled for good.

About 75 of the leading warriors of these tribes have been sent down to a fort at St. Augustine, Florida, there to remain as prisoners. The first plan was to send their wives and children with them, but through the intervention of two Friends, and the kindness of President Grant, the order was modified so that the wives and children should remain at the agencies.

The schools are all full and making good progress, numbering over six hundred scholars in the different agencies. Most, if not all, have First-day schools, which are conducted by the agents, their families, and the teachers. At all the northern agencies houses for many of the Indian families are being built, lands fenced, plowed, and put under cultivation.

The committee are furnished with interesting details of all that is going on, which would be of value in this report, but might make it too extended. All that pertains to education, civilization, and Christianization, is truly encouraging, and as we look into the future to a generation of red men educated and Christianized, we feel indeed hopeful.

It gives us satisfaction again to testify to the continued faithfulness of our general agent, Dr. William Nicholson. The past year he has visited all the agencies once or more, with their schools, has attended all the meetings of the executive committee, been in full conference with the Washington committee, made up the annual report, spent three months at Washington carefully and judiciously looking after the interests of this important work, and more recently has put himself in systematic correspondence with all the agencies, so that he can give the committee monthly reports of what is going on there.

Some accusations having appeared in the public press derogatory to the character and labors of our superintendent, Enoch Hoag, we think it right to say that we believe them to be wholly without foundation, and cannot be sustained; neither do they shake our confidence in his faithfulness in performing all the duties devolving upon him in his private or official position.

Subjoined is a copy of a report of the committee on religious interests, 4th mo. 8th, 1875, at a meeting of the executive committee held at Damascus.

EDW. W. HOWLAND.

EDW. EARLE.

The committee on Religious Interests reported as follows, viz. :

The committee on Religious Interests report,—that we believe this part of the work has been increasing in interest and efficiency at most, if not all the agencies. Meetings for worship open to every one are held at all, and attended by the agents and their families, and some of the employes, and by a few Indians. In some of the agencies the religious work is of a very interesting character, as is shown more fully in the report of our general agent. The children are taught in the Holy Scriptures, First-day schools are kept up, and such means of religious instruction have been used as seem best adapted to the conversion and holding up of those brought under the influence of Friends. At the Cheyenne agency several of the soldiers have regularly attended the meetings for worship on First-day.

Signed on behalf of the committee.

CHARLES F. COFFIN.

4th mo. 8th, 1875.

Which being read, was a further evidence of a blessing to

that neglected portion of the human family, from the efforts so wisely put forth from season to season by this committee.

Committee.—Joseph Cartland, Joseph E. Macomber, Sarah F. Tobey, Charles F. Coffin, Moses Sawyer, Ann Maria Coffin, Hannah B. Sawyer, Edward W. Howland, Henry T. Wood, Phebe Slocum, Rebecca Ewer, Freeman Andrews, Charles A. Nichols, Jane C. Minott, Myra E. Frye, Edward Earle, Richard Battey, Ann B. Earle, Abby S. Battey, John D. Lang, Charles B. Cates, Margaret B. Cates, Louisa L. Osborn, Amos D. Purinton, Timothy B. Hussey, Anna M. Hussey, Maria Purinton, Moses Bailey, Isaac W. Hawkes, Hannah J. Bailey, Lavinia Briggs, Eli Jones, Thomas B. Buffum, Thomas J. Battey, Rebecca H. Smiley, Charles M. Bailey, Sarah Marble, Timothy K. Earle, Lydia Haight, Mary C. Baylies, George Howland, Jr., John H. Crosman, David Kelley, Susan Taber, Cynthia J. Earle, Anna G. Wood, and Thomas Wood.

51. The clerk of the Yearly Meeting of Ministers and Elders informed us that Eli Jones had been liberated by China Monthly Meeting, and had received the approval of Vassalborough Quarterly Meeting to perform a religious visit in England and Ireland, and if way opens for it, to some parts of the continent of Europe on the shores of the Mediterranean; which concern had been united with by the Yearly Meeting of Ministers and Elders, and the certificate granted him by that body was read. Much sympathy was expressed with our dear friend on this occasion, and we earnestly desire that he may be preserved and returned to his family and friends in the Lord's time, with the reward of peace.

52. The committee appointed at a previous sitting have produced a minute conveying to some extent the exercises of this meeting during the time occupied in the weighty engagement of reading the answers to the queries from our Quarterly Meetings. The clerk is directed to place the same upon our records.

The consideration of the spiritual condition of the church, and the

growth of its members in the Christian life, produced feelings of solemnity, and the baptism of the Holy Spirit was witnessed among us. And first, with reference to the due attendance of our meetings for the worship of our Almighty Creator, we were convinced that, however needful it might appear to induce all our members to observe this wholesome religious duty, we should ever remember that the primary object and concern of the church should be to bring all to the experience of true conversion of heart, and to an abiding membership in the body of Christ. All who have this experience, and are in living fellowship with their Holy Head, will gladly meet together to wait upon, to worship and adore him. Drowsiness in our meetings is sometimes experienced, but if we find, on examination, that this weakness, as is often the case, is the result of unfaithfulness to religious duty, we may well be aroused to an effort for a removal of the cause. If the fire of true devotion is maintained in the heart, and we are engaged in living faith to look to the Lord for his blessing, a dull and listless state of mind will not be our portion.

With respect to that love and Christian fellowship which will ever characterize the true disciple of Christ, we were afresh reminded of its essential character, and of this indispensable qualification for labor in his church. If we love the Lord with all our hearts, if we know the love of Christ which passeth knowledge, we shall not only keep his commandments and do those things which are pleasing in his sight, but under its constraining influence we shall cheerfully discharge every duty of his appointment. If our service in the church is cold and formal, if a brother's need prompt not to ready and loving endeavor, we may conclude that the fruits of the spirit are wanting in us, and that our Heavenly Father is not glorified.

Were all mankind engaged faithfully to observe the golden rule, which with the lapse of time loses none of its binding force, to do to others as we would that they should do to us, we may rest assured that war would this day be impossible, and the blessings of universal peace would be the world's inheritance. May we endeavor, as ability is afforded us, to do our part in hastening that day.

In allusion to the mission of the church, and the objects for which we may believe this religious society was raised up, we were reminded that its work is by no means ended. If we ourselves can thankfully rejoice before God in the assurance that we have been translated out of darkness into the kingdom of his dear Son, may we be willing, as a test of our gratitude, to endeavor to bring others to the same blessed

experience. George Fox and his coadjutors were engaged to preach Christ, and Christ alone, as the way of salvation, whom God hath set forth to be a propitiation through faith in his blood; and confident of the sustaining presence and power of the Holy Spirit, they wrought earnestly in the vineyard of their Lord, by whose blessing on their devoted labors 100,000 were added to the church.

Looking to-day at the situation of multitudes around us who are hungering and thirsting for the bread and the water of life, may we not ask ourselves the question, "Is the Lord's hand waxed short?" If we believe that God "would have all men to be saved," if we recognize the command as still binding upon his followers, "Go ye, therefore, and teach all nations," and remember also the comforting assurance, "Lo, I am with you always," may we emulate the zeal of those early laborers and trust the Lord of the harvest for the same rich fruits. May ours be the same definite purpose, the salvation of sinners, and may we also remember that every means of grace is ours, which the dear Master has sanctified to our use, and that no instrumentality is trivial which shall gain a soul for his kingdom.

We were tenderly exhorted to a frequent, reverent perusal of the Bible, as a blessed means of instruction, and of a growth in grace.

In allusion to the practice now common among us of the daily reading in our families of a portion of Holy Scripture, we were reminded of the great blessing which has resulted to many a household, in which this service has been performed in the fear of the Lord. Often, at this daily sacrifice, would the head of the family, and sometimes the dear children, be heard in vocal prayer, as they were engaged in imploring a blessing from God, or as they returned thanksgiving for his abounding mercies. To those especially who are allowed of God to be put in trust with the gospel, was the word of exhortation to be diligent in the perusal of Holy Scripture. Given by inspiration of God, profitable for doctrine and for instruction in righteousness, it is certainly the duty of the Christian minister to be familiar with their sacred contents, would he mind the injunction, "Study to show thyself approved unto God."

TEMPERANCE.

53. The committee on Temperance have been mindful of their appointment during the past year, and now submit for the consideration of this meeting the following report, viz. :

TO THE NEW ENGLAND YEARLY MEETING OF FRIENDS :

From reports received from several Monthly Meeting committees appointed to cooperate with your committee on the subject of Temperance, we find that in many of the Monthly Meetings such a committee has been appointed, and has been engaged in carrying out the design of the appointment.

While there has been manifest interest evinced with many of our members, and a willingness to lend their names and influence to advance this important cause, some difficulties have been experienced, which we note for the prayerful consideration of the followers of Christ.

The first objection met with in several places was the form of the pledge, the term "God helping" being considered by some as partaking of the nature of an oath. Another objection was the obligation imposed thereby to "discountenance in every way possible" the use of alcoholic liquors as a beverage in the community. Lastly, the fact that we are, as a Society, a temperance organization in ourselves.

In the limited time devoted by the committee, there was not a full understanding relative to the duties of the several committees, showing the necessity of more effective labor in future. We would recommend that the subject be continued under the care of a committee. We would also recommend that a committee be appointed by each Quarterly Meeting to cooperate with the Yearly Meeting's committee. We also recommend that Monthly Meetings be requested to appoint committees whose duty shall be to take such action, and furnish such statistical and other information, as the Yearly Meeting's committee may require.

We have expended \$36.

Signed on behalf of the committee.

HARRIET N. JONES, Clerk.

On reading the report it appeared that the work has not gone forward the past year to the extent which we desire, for we do believe that total abstinence from intoxicating drinks and tobacco is essential for the promotion of both moral and religious improvement. Our treasurer is directed to pay to

the order of the committee a sum not exceeding three hundred dollars, when called for. Our Monthly Meetings are requested to appoint committees to cooperate with our committee in forwarding this good work. We continue the same committee, with the addition of Charles R. Tucker, Charles W. Goddard, Samuel R. Buffinton, J. William Jacob, Phebe S. Gifford, Charlotte D. Holmes, and Elizabeth B. Nichols, to labor for the suppression of this great evil the coming year.

Names of Committee. — *Men.* — Joseph E. Macomber, Zephaniah Breed, James P. Boyce, Jabez Wood, Charles Taber, Augustus F. Cox, Edward S. Hacker, Timothy K. Earle, Abel C. Munro, Eli Jones, Jonathan Estes, Albert C. Buffum, Albert C. Hill, Jonathan Cartland, Joseph E. Briggs, Isaac Warren Hawkes, Charles R. Tucker, Charles W. Goddard, Samuel R. Buffinton, J. William Jacob. *Women.* — Ellen K. Buffum, Gertrude W. Cartland, Lydia C. Neal, Deborah W. Crosman, Susan Taber, Elizabeth C. Wing, Myra E. Frye, Saloma Jane Cox, Susan Ann Gifford, Lydia Haight, Mary C. Jones, Eliza Philbrook, Lydia E. Sawyer, Gulielma M. Purinton, Harriet N. Jones, Phebe M. Wardsworth, Phebe S. Gifford, Charlotte D. Holmes, and Elizabeth B. Nichols.

EDUCATION.

54. The committee on education, in which was included the very important branch of “Bible school instruction,” have made report as follows, viz. :

TO THE YEARLY MEETING :

Your committee to whom was intrusted the subject of Bible school work, report, — that for the past year they have given considerable attention to the subject, and have deeply felt the responsibility of the charge committed to them. We have found that many in the various parts of our Yearly Meeting are much interested in the subject, and have been encouraged by their cooperation.

The committee have desired that a school might be established in every meeting within our limits, and their endeavors have been in a good degree successful. Several new schools have been established

within the past year, but there are still some meetings which have not this privilege; but these are small, and the members of some of them attend Union schools more or less under the influence of Friends.

A subcommittee has visited some of our eastern meetings during the past winter, for the purpose of having conferences with the teachers and superintendents of the schools. Among the places visited were Dover, Berwick, Vassalborough, East Vassalborough, China, Dirigo, Winthrop, Portland, Rochester, and Lynn. These conferences have been pleasant, and we believe profitable seasons.

We present the following statistics of the state of our meetings as far as known, though the information received is not as complete as could be desired.

	Number of scholars enrolled.	Number of classes enrolled.	Average attendance.
Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting,	574	39	459
Salem Quarterly Meeting,	207	23	166
Sandwich Quarterly Meeting,	279	41	159
Falmouth Quarterly Meeting,	196	23	118
Smithfield Quarterly Meeting,	109	11	79
Vassalborough Quarterly Meeting,	62	4	44
Dover Quarterly Meeting,	67	8	41
Fairfield Quarterly Meeting,	207	18	128
Total,	1,701	167	1,194

We find that in a few schools there is a thorough organization and a record kept, including superintendent, teachers, secretary, and treasurer, but many of our Bible schools are deficient in these respects. To obviate this difficulty, uniform books of records for superintendents and teachers have been prepared and distributed to the various schools within the Yearly Meeting. Much pains has been taken to prepare these books, and we would desire that the records may be accurately kept, that the Yearly Meeting might be furnished with correct statistical information. It would tend to simplify these records if all the classes in a school were considered as Bible classes, without any distinction as to age or proficiency.

We believe there is an increasing earnestness in most of our members in relation to Bible study. They realize the truth that "all scripture is given by inspiration of God, that the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works." Our prayer is

that the blessed Holy Spirit may come into all our hearts, and give us to see the meaning of these words, — “perfect,” “thoroughly furnished.”

We commend this important subject to the fostering care of the Yearly Meeting.

On behalf of the committee.

JOSEPH E. MACOMBER.

ELIZABETH A. SLADE.

Newport, 6 mo. 16th, 1875.

Which being considered was satisfactory to the meeting, and we continue the same committee, namely, Joseph E. Macomber, Jabez Wood, Charles Taber, Anna G. Wood, Susan Taber, Elizabeth Ann Slade, with the addition of Samuel R. Buffinton, on this important branch of our educational work.

FREEDMEN.

55. The committee having in charge the concern of this meeting on behalf of the freed people, who for many years have been a subject of prayerful interest with us, have made the following interesting report, viz. :

TO THE YEARLY MEETING :

Owing to sickness, and other causes, your small committee in charge of the affairs of the freed people have not been able to give to that service as much attention as they have in former years, but something has been done.

The Normal fund received from England has all been appropriated to uses for which it was designed, viz., the education of teachers, and three girls have received at Howard University such training as will fit them to follow that vocation. A fourth, Victoria Shaw, has still another year to remain there, and those interested in her will be glad to know that she is likely to graduate with honor, having been a worthy recipient of the fund.

One hundred and fifty dollars has been paid from our Freedmen's fund toward a school-house and school in the town of Lottsburg, Virginia, where two faithful women from the north have been laboring for several years. Two young men have been supported at Hampton Normal School, at an expense of one hundred and fifty dollars. We

have also paid one hundred dollars for the school bills of two girls at Howard University. In proof of the perseverance of one of these girls in pursuit of education, it may be stated that every day, at the close of school exercises, she has walked two miles to the Treasury building, where she has scrubbed floors for two or three hours, in order to obtain money to pay her bills for board and lodging. She has also worked at domestic service during vacations. This she has done for two years.

At a meeting of this committee held on the morning of the 14th, Joseph Dickenson, a member of the Missionary Board of Indiana Yearly Meeting, met with us and called our attention to the Maryville Normal Institute in East Tennessee, for the education of the freed people. There are 30 acres of land, and a large new building 120 feet long by 35 and 55 feet wide. He stated to us that the Missionary Board of Indiana Yearly Meeting have not the means to continue to carry it on, and fear that they may have to abandon it. They ask Friends of this Yearly Meeting either to assist them by the appropriation of funds for its support, or to have the property transferred to us by deed and manage it entirely by ourselves. We think we can safely propose to conduct the school for three years, and perhaps four, with the funds we have now on hand, with the privilege of taking a deed at the expiration of that time, as the meeting may approve or direct.

On behalf of the committee.

EDW. W. HOWLAND.

ANN B. EARLE.

NEW ENGLAND FRIENDS' MISSION AT WASHINGTON IN ACCOUNT, TO 6 MO.
10TH, 1874, WITH EDWARD W. HOWLAND.

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1874.

6 mo. 10. To balance from last year's account, \$3,922.93

7 mo. To received of John C. Gove, 500.00

1875.

3 mo. 25. To received of John C. Gove, 100.00

6 mo. 10. To interest on the above to date, 271.71 \$4,794.64

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1874.

10 mo. By two scholars at Hampton Normal school
one year, \$150.00

1875.

1 mo. 2. By to assist a school at Lottsburg, Va., 150.00

3 mo. 25.	By schooling of two girls at Howard University, Washington, D. C.,	100.00	
6 mo. 10.	By interest on the above,	15.93	\$415.93
	By balance on hand,		4,378.71
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			\$4,794.64

EDW. W. HOWLAND.

Newport, 6 mo. 10th, 1875.

Which is accepted; and we have again been made sensible of a blessing from our Heavenly Father for extending the hand to that downtrodden and forsaken people in the time of their great extremity. We again commit this concern for the ensuing year to the same committee, with the addition of Susan Taber in place of our friend Gulielma W. Howland, deceased.

Names of Committee.—Edward W. Howland, Benjamin Buffum, Ellen K. Buffum, Edward Earle, Ann B. Earle, and Susan Taber.

Adjourned to 9 o'clock 6th day morning, the 18th.

SIXTH-DAY — *Morning, 6th mo. 18th.*—The meeting again assembled.

56. The annual report of the committee which has been laboring the past year for the improvement of the Penobscot and Passamaquoddy tribes of Indians, located in the State of Maine, has been now submitted, and is as follows, viz. :

TO THE YEARLY MEETING :

The committee to have a care over the Penobscot and Passamaquoddy tribes of Indians, report as follows :

It appears from report of agent of the Penobscots that that tribe have received, as per resolve of the legislature of Maine, \$3,730.93, which was expended in the following manner :

For agricultural purposes,	\$896.03
Bounty on crops,	359.15
Goods for community,	1,826.25
To build school-house on Olamon,	200.00
For Salaries of superintendents, farming,	150.00
Salary of agent,	300.00

They have also been the recipients of \$4,688.30, interest on fund held in trust by the State of Maine, and expended as follows :

Paid for goods for spring dividends,	\$792.77
Support of poor, aged, infirm, and sick,	1,939.38
Medicine and medical attendance,	290.00
Funeral expenses,	168.88
Wood for tribe,	1,218.71
Incidental expenses, painting meeting-house, &c.,	278.56

The amount of fund arising from leases of shores belonging to the tribe, and received the last year, was \$5,756.85. Of this sum \$400 was used for educational purposes, \$100 for salary for Priest, \$50 for salary of Governor, and \$30 for Lieutenant-Governor ; the remainder was divided among the tribe, as provided by the statutes of Maine, making the total amount for benefit of tribe \$14,176.58.

Those residing at Oldtown were visited last week by two of our number, who report themselves pleased with evidences of industry in basket-making and providing for domestic comfort, especially among the females of several of the families visited. They also noted several garden patches, new fences, and improvements going forward in some of the houses, quite creditable to the owners, but regret that they are unable to speak more favorably of the education of the 70 or 80 children of the tribe of an age to attend school. The tribe now have three school-houses, a new one having been erected on Olamon Island the past year.

The Passamaquoddy tribe have not been visited the past year, but the report of the agent enables us to give the meeting some items with regard to their condition, of the same general character with those above reported with regard to the other tribe.

The whole number of this portion of the Indians of Maine is 516. They are variously employed, many of them during the summer months as laborers at Pembroke. Their winter employments are cutting wood and basket-making. They are expert, as all these people are, in the last named employment, and the product of their industry in this line finds a ready sale.

There was expended during the year ending 12th month last, for these people, by the State of Maine, the sum of \$4,101.46, and this outlay is of the same general character as that the details of which have been given in relation to the Penobscot tribe.

These statements present these people to us as the wards of the State of Maine. Under this guardianship their bodily wants are provided

for, and to some extent the instrumentalities for religious observances and mental culture. While they are found in a condition of comparative comfort, and find in the guardianship that is over them all the necessary care as to the management of their property and the provisions for their bodily wants, their position with regard to religious progress and mental improvement is not encouraging. Their form of faith leads them to follow implicitly the leadership of their religious guides.

The provision for educational purposes we regard as inadequate, and such is their position, politically and mentally, that the agencies for improvement must be found outside of themselves. It is in this direction that this meeting is enabled to extend to them the assistance that justifies our concern in their behalf.

We have been of service to them, and we can without in any way interfering with the State government in its guardianship, help in the work of their enlightenment and progress.

On behalf of the committee.

STEPHEN JONES.

JAMES B. CONGDON.

Newport, R. I., 6 mo. 16, 1875.

The report being more extended than has been usual, the meeting was much interested in the various subjects which were so minutely explained, bringing into view the numerous wants of this people. The recommendations contained in the report are adopted, and the concern still resting upon us, we commit it again to the same committee for the ensuing year, with the addition of Hannah J. Bailey, Sarah A. Holmes, Harriet N. Jones, Peace Jones, Martha E. Pratt, Sarah M. Richardson, S. Narcissa Jacob, and Gertrude W. Cartland, and they are authorized to draw upon the treasurer of this meeting for \$150 when the amount may be required.

Names of Committee. — Stephen Jones, John D. Lang, James B. Congdon, Henry T. Wood, Eli Jones, Alfred H. Jones, Timothy Hanson, George Richardson, Josiah Philbrook, Paul Wing, Augustine Jones, Edward Earle, Joseph Briggs, Hannah J. Bailey, Sarah A. Holmes, Harriet N. Jones, Peace Jones, Martha E. Pratt, Sarah M. Richardson, S. Narcissa Jacob, and Gertrude W. Cartland.

57. The committee to audit and settle the treasurer's ac-

count, and for other purposes, submit their report as follows, viz. :

TO THE YEARLY MEETING :

The committee appointed to examine and settle the treasurer's account, to propose a sum to be raised for the ensuing year, and to nominate a Friend for treasurer, and another for treasurer of the Boarding School Fund, have attended to their appointment and report as follows :

RECEIPTS.

Cash balance on hand, as per last year's report,	\$2,526.63
Received from the several Quarterly Meetings,	3,500.00
Interest on Boston City Bonds,	600.00
Interest on Railroad Bonds,	48.00
Dividend, Eagle Bank, Providence,	50.00
For the sale of Books of Discipline,	31.50
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	\$6,756.13

PAYMENTS.

Travelling expenses of Friends from the Eastern Quarterly Meetings, in attendance at Yearly Meeting,	\$456.00
Sundry expenses at Newport, sixth month, 1874,	656.45
Principal and interest (balance of note,)	1,067.05
Associated Executive Indian Committee,	680.02
Committee on Penobscot and Passamaquoddy tribes of Indians,	19.10
Rent of hall for Boston meeting,	450.00
Vassalborough Quarterly Meeting, expenses in visiting Friends in Nova Scotia and New Brunswick,	97.30
Committee on temperance,	50.00
Committee on First-day schools,	38.00
Recording Minutes, Epistles, Memorial, &c.,	82.37
Printing Minutes, Epistles, &c.,	322.11
Express, postage, &c.,	22.98
Cash balance now on hand,	2,814.75
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	\$6,756.13

The expenditures are all vouched for. The treasurer reports the present indebtedness of the Yearly Meeting in notes to be \$15,061.89, all of which is on account of the boarding school.

We propose that the sum of thirty-five hundred dollars be raised for the use of the meeting the ensuing year ; that George Howland, Jr., be appointed treasurer of the Yearly Meeting, and Thomas Harkness treasurer of the Boarding School Fund.

For the committee.

Newport, 6th mo. 17th, 1875.

OWEN DAME.

Which is approved by this meeting, and George Howland, Jr., is reappointed our treasurer for the ensuing year, and our several Quarterly Meetings are directed to forward to him their respective proportions of \$3,500, the sum proposed to be raised for the service of this meeting. Thomas Harkness is reappointed treasurer of the Boarding School Fund.

58. The committee to have printed 200 copies of the boarding school report, to be placed in the hands of the representatives to this meeting for early distribution to our Monthly Meetings, report the work has been accomplished.

59. One of the correspondents of this meeting having died, and one other being greatly enfeebled by illness, we now add to the name of George Howland, Jr., Joseph Cartland, address Providence, Rhode Island, and Moses Bailey, address Winthrop, Maine, to be correspondents of this meeting until another appointment.

PEACE.

60. We appoint the following Friends to unite with a similar committee of the women's meeting in obtaining the signatures of the members of this Yearly Meeting to a petition on the subject of Peace, to be presented to our next Congress.

Names of Committee.—Men—Isaac B. Macomber, Charles A. Chace, Arthur Parker, Francis W. Collins, James H. Earle, George C. Herbert, Samuel O. Nichols, Abraham Huntington, John Fry Tucker, Henry A. Slocum, John A. Macomber, Meltiah Gifford, Nathan T. Sheperd, Lewis M. Douglass, Silas H. Cartland, Henry Robinson, Charles F. Andrews, William C. Munroe, Amiel E. Phelps, Stephen A. Randall, George H. Pope, George W. Moulton, Cyrus Everett Jones, Albert C. Hill, Ira T. Jenkins, Charles F. Hussey, Joseph T. Richardson, Albert W. Pinkham, Isaac Winslow.

Women—Mary W. Jones, Joanna Peck, Maria Buffinton, Mercy P. Babcock, Elsie Ann Chace, Mary J. Rogers, Rebecca P. Breed, Mary Hoag, Sarah J. Brown, Angelina Gidley, Hannah R. Gifford, Alice W. Slocum, Elizabeth C. Ewer,

Esther Jones, Phebe R. Cartland, Elizabeth P. Nichols, Lydia Ann Cartland, Alice R. Cranston, Ella Clemens, Sarah J. Wheeler, Eliza A. Taber, Juliet Jones, Sarah J. Cole, Lydia E. Sawyer, Almira B. Buffum, Naomi P. Hoag, Hepsa S. Hoxie, Lucy C. Briggs, and Elma Winslow.

TO THE SENATE AND HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES IN CONGRESS
ASSEMBLED :

We, the undersigned, members of the Yearly Meeting of the Society of Friends for New England, solemnly impressed with a sense of the cruel and unchristian character of all wars, respectfully and earnestly petition the Senate and House of Representatives, in Congress assembled, to enact such a law as shall make it the duty of the Government of the United States to negotiate with the governments of other nations for the establishment of an International Court of Arbitration, whereby all claims, differences, and grievances, arising between nations entering into the compact, shall be adjusted without appeal to the sword.

61. Essays of Epistles addressed to the Yearly Meetings of London, Ireland, New York, Baltimore, North Carolina, Ohio, Indiana, Western, Iowa, Canada, and Kansas, were read and approved, and the clerk is directed to revise and sign them on behalf of this meeting, and forward to those meetings respectively.

62. The clerk is directed to sign on behalf of this meeting the following minute for our friend Daniel Barker, and similar ones for Jeremiah A. Grinnell, Rachel Binford, Joseph Hobson, Mary S. Elliot, Edward C. Young, Sarah E. Jenkins, Cornelius Douglass, John P. Pennington, Sarah Ann Linton, John Henry Douglass, Levi Ratliff, Robert Knight, Jehu Newlin, John Y. Hoover, Mary T. Meader, Seneca Doane, William Wetherald, Seneca H. Stevens, and Rufus P. King :

Our beloved friend Daniel Barker attended this meeting. His company and religious services have been acceptable to us.

63. He is also directed to sign on our behalf the following minute for Daniel J. Barker, and similar ones for our friends Amy P. Hobson, George K. Jenkins, Edward Ratcliff, Re-

becca Ratcliff, Moses Gove, Lydia Gove, James Hawley, Joseph H. Miller, Rebecca G. Miller, and Jane U. Ferris :

Our beloved friend Amy P. Hobson attended this meeting. Her company has been acceptable to us.

64. The clerk is directed to make any necessary extracts from our minutes, and sign them in behalf of this meeting.

65. It is concluded to have 2100 copies of our minutes printed and sent down to our Quarterly Meetings in the usual proportions, and William C. Taber is appointed to advise with the clerk in the accomplishment of this work.

66. The important concerns of the church claiming our attention have been disposed of. Love and unity have been abundantly manifested, and we have in great mercy witnessed during our several sittings the presence of the great Head of the Church to be in our midst; blessed forever be his holy name.

We now conclude closely united in Christian love, proposing to meet again at this place at the usual time next year, if the Lord permit.

On behalf of the meeting.

CHARLES R. TUCKER, Clerk.

MINUTES

OF

THE YEARLY MEETING

OF

Friends for New England.

1876.

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MINUTES.

1. At the Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England, held on Rhode Island, commencing at Newport on Seventh-day, the tenth of the sixth month, 1876.

2. By the reports received from our several Quarterly Meetings, we are informed that the following-named Friends are appointed representatives to this meeting, viz. :

From RHODE ISLAND—George Anthony, Thomas B. Buffum, Joseph Cartland, James Dennis, Abner Slade, Albert K. Smiley, Charles W. Earle, Obadiah Chase, Abel F. Collins, Samuel Austin, William H. Perry, Benjamin Buffum, Jacob Mott.

From SALEM—John Paige, Benjamin H. Jones, William F. Vining, Moses F. Rogers, Thomas Folsom, Owen Dame, Daniel Beede, William O. Newhall, Moses Sawyer, Alvin Hoag, Abraham J. Huntington.

From SANDWICH—David K. Akin, George Howland, Jr., Edward W. Howland, Jonathan Cowen, Isaac R. Gifford, John F. Tucker, Ephraim Gifford, John A. Macomber, David Kelley, Newell Hoxie, Henry T. Wood, William C. Taber, Peleg Slocum.

From FALMOUTH—Abraham Winslow, George Douglass, Augustus F. Cox, Timothy Hanson, Lemuel Jones, Oliver Robinson, Edward S. Hacker.

From SMITHFIELD—Thomas Grover, Timothy K. Earle, Abel C. Munroe, Richard Battey, Greely Dow, Edward Earle.

From VASSALBOROUGH—Eli Jones, Ebenezer Frye, Jonathan Estes, Hartwell A. Jenkins, Clarkson Jones, George H. Pope, Stephen Jones, John A. Frye, J. William Jacob, John Frye, Jedediah J. Varney.

From DOVER—Jacob K. Purinton, Timothy B. Hussey, Tobias Meader, Eli Paige, Samuel Buffum, Russell Hoag, Joseph H. Pratt, William B. Dennis.

From FAIRFIELD—Henry Winslow, Edwin Hamblen, George Richardson, Reuben T. Jones, Isaac Farr, Moses Bailey, Silas E. Hoxie.

3. On calling their names they were present except eleven. For the absence of five reasons were assigned.

4. Our beloved friend, Stanley Pumphrey, of London Yearly Meeting, is acceptably present with us. He presented satisfactory testimonials from Worcestershire and Shropshire Monthly Meeting, held in the 4th month, 1875, Western Quarterly Meeting, held at Worcester, and the Yearly Meeting of Ministers and Elders held in London in the 5th month, 1875; all of which were read, and are accredited by this meeting.

5. We also have in the attendance of this meeting beloved friends from our American Yearly Meetings, viz.: Rebecca Collins, Phebe Ann Sands, and Emily E. Drake, from New York Yearly Meeting; Rachel Binford and Fernando G. Cartland, of North Carolina Yearly Meeting; Daniel Hill, Robert W. Douglass, David Douglass, Elkanah Beard, and John P. Pennington, of Indiana Yearly Meeting; Samira H. Clark, Nathan H. Clark, and Barnabas C. Hobbs, of Western Yearly Meeting; and William Wetherald, of Canada Yearly Meeting. They produced certificates from their respective meetings expressive of unity with them as Ministers, and with their religious engagements.

6. Amy R. Wilbour, who accompanies Rebecca Collins, is acceptably in the attendance of this meeting, with a minute of concurrence from New York Monthly Meeting.

7. We have received and read truly acceptable epistles from our friends of the Yearly Meetings of Ireland, New York, Baltimore, North Carolina, Ohio, Indiana, Western, Iowa, Canada, and Kansas.

8. These communications of brotherly love from our dear

friends of the other Yearly Meetings have brought them sweetly to our remembrance, and very near to us in the love of the gospel; and we appoint the following named Friends to prepare Essays of Epistles to those meetings, including London, whose Epistle of the present year has not yet come to hand, and present them to a future sitting, viz. : Henry T. Wood, John Paige, Lemuel Jones, Newell Hoxie, Eli Jones, Timothy B. Hussey, James P. Boyce, J. William Jacob, Joseph Cartland, Thomas B. Buffum, Edward W. Howland, Samuel R. Buffinton, Josiah Holmes, Jr., Isaac Steere, Isaac Warren Hawkes, Joseph H. Pratt, Charles M. Jones, Stephen Swett, Joseph E. Macomber, Benjamin H. Jones, William C. Taber, Richard Battey, Henry Winslow, Ephraim Gifford, Albert K. Smiley, Augustine Jones, William Thompson, John F. Tucker, Samuel Buffum, George Howland, Jr., John A. Frye, Peleg Slocum, Samuel Austin, John A. Macomber, Abel C. Munroe, Jonathan Estes, Edward T. Tucker, Owen Dame, Charles F. Coffin, Edward Earle, and Timothy K. Earle.

9. Communications were presented to this meeting from the Thames Street and Marlborough Street Methodist Episcopal societies, and also from the Second Baptist society, offering their places of worship for Friends to occupy a portion of First-day in the holding of religious meetings, which is a continued evidence of Christian love from those societies to Friends, and the subject is referred for further consideration and arrangement to Henry T. Wood, Eli Jones, George Bowen, J. William Jacob, and Richard Battey, to unite with a similar committee of women Friends in making such arrangements for holding religious meetings during the time of this Yearly Meeting, as way may open for in the truth; and also to propose times and places for the various committees to meet, who are under appointment on the service of this meeting.

The clerk is directed to furnish those societies with copies of the above minute, so far as it relates to each respectively.

Adjourned to 4 o'clock this afternoon.

Afternoon. — Assembled pursuant to adjournment.

10. John Paige, on behalf of the representatives, proposed Charles R. Tucker for clerk, and William O. Newhall and Henry T. Wood for assistant clerks, which propositions being separately considered and approved, they are appointed to those services for the present year.

11. Our several Quarterly Meetings report that they have paid, or directed to be paid, their quota of stock called for last year.

12. We appoint Benjamin Buffum, Owen Dame, John F. Tucker, George Douglass, James G. Arnold, Ebenezer Frye, Samuel Buffum, Reuben T. Jones, to audit and settle the treasurer's account to the present date; to propose a sum to be raised sufficient to defray the expenses of the meeting for the ensuing year, the name of a Friend for treasurer, and also the name of a Friend for treasurer of the Boarding School fund, and report to a future meeting.

13. The following Friends, viz., Joseph Cartland, Lindley H. Osborn, George Howland, Jr., Lemuel Jones, Francis H. Inman, Jonathan Estes, Ira T. Jenkins, and Isaac Farr, are appointed to prepare a summary of the Answers to the Queries from our Quarterly Meetings, and present it to our next sitting.

BOARDING SCHOOL AT PROVIDENCE.

14. The Boarding School committee have presented their report for the past year, which is as follows, viz. :

TO THE YEARLY MEETING :

The Committee appointed to have the charge and oversight of the Boarding School at Providence, report that they have given attention to their appointment. The school has been satisfactorily conducted, and has, we believe, as in previous years, fully maintained its high standing and usefulness. The religious interest which has been a marked element in the character of those connected with the school, and which has given so much satisfaction to the committee for the past few years, is still continued. Its effect upon the discipline of the

school and the conduct of the scholars is in the highest degree encouraging.

The practice pursued in former years of appointing sub-committees for the more immediate care of the school and family during the intervals between the meetings of the general committee has been kept up. Their reports of the recitations, of the general conduct of the pupils, and of the harmony and good feeling existing between all the members of the family, have been very acceptable to us. In the report of the sub-committee made in the 2d month, they say "A number of the meetings on First and Fourth days have been attended by one or more of the committee, and they are gratified in being able to report an increasing interest among the pupils in religious things, some of them giving marked evidence of a change of heart as the result of prayerful efforts on the part of their teachers and others, the Holy Spirit giving the increase."

The attendance upon the school has been for the Autumn term, 121 boys and 80 girls, for the Spring term 112 boys and 76 girls; of which during the year 112 were members of our society. Ninety-six of these were members of our own Yearly Meeting, and sixteen were from other Yearly Meetings. The proportion from our own Yearly Meeting is larger than for some time past.

At the time of making the report last year the school was indebted to the Treasurer of the Yearly Meeting in the sum of \$15,552.59. In 10th month last the amount due from the city of Providence for land taken for the widening of Hope street and in opening Lloyd avenue from Hope street to Arlington avenue was paid. The sum received was \$28,000.50. The committee was thus enabled to discharge the above-named indebtedness, to pay for money hired on account of expense incurred the previous year in building the fence around the premises, and also to pay for curbing laid by the city on the line of Hope street, leaving a balance in the hands of the Treasurer of the Yearly Meeting, subject to the direction of the school committee, of \$4,811.98.

By a statement from the Treasurer of the school fund, it appears that the income and payments on that fund have been as follows :

ON GENERAL FUND.

Balance on hand last year,	\$108.61
Income from the fund,	7,091.59
Return premium of insurance,	182.75
Received from the city of Providence for land taken for streets,	28,000.50
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	\$35,383.45
 Paid insurance premiums,	 \$512.50
Paid George Howland, Jr., Treasurer Yearly Meeting, per order of the school committee,	28,000.50
Paid A. K. Smiley, Principal, for receipts,	6,829.60
Balance on hand,	40.85
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	\$35,383.45

CHARITABLE SCHOOL FUND.

Balance on hand last year,	\$910.32
Income from the fund,	2,409.38
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	\$3,319.70
 Paid school bills,	 \$2,350.00
Balance on hand,	969.70
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	\$3,319.70

The expenses of the school for the current year, as nearly as they can be ascertained at the present time, are as follows :

Paid for salaries,	\$13,710.00
Paid for wages,	5,595.75
Paid for provisions,	14,015.35
Paid for fuel and light,	3,376.88
Paid for repairs, annual,	4,410.92
Paid for incidentals,	818.08
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	\$41,926.98
 The income for board and tuition was	 \$36,147.38
Income from fund,	6,829.60
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	\$42,976.98
Expenses,	41,926.98
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Balance, or profits,	\$1,050.00

At a meeting of the committee held 5th mo. 30th, we were informed that by a recent law of the State of Rhode Island, the property belonging to the Yearly Meeting on which the school buildings are located is liable to taxation. We would therefore recommend, in order to increase our income to meet this additional expense, as well as to add to our school fund, that the school committee be authorized to take legal measures to enable them to sell such portion of the premises not already directed to be sold, as may be advisable and for the best interests of the Institution.

For the information of the Yearly Meeting we would state that, in consequence of the heavy grade on Lloyd street, (being in the deepest part of the cut 11 feet,) the Institution may be subjected to a considerable expense in forming the embankment made necessary by such grading, and in resetting the fence; and also by the cost of curbing on the line of said street, a large portion of the funds now on hand may be absorbed.

The following list comprises the names of the officers and teachers for the year now closing.

Albert K. Smiley, Principal.

Daniel C. Maxfield, Governor and teacher of English branches.

Thomas J. Battey, teacher of Natural Sciences.

Alonzo Williams, teacher of Greek, Latin and German.

John M. Potter, teacher of Mathematics.

Francis B. Gummere, teacher of English branches.

Joel Bean, Accountant and teacher of English branches.

Rebecca H. Smiley, Principal Female Department.

Alice R. Wing, Governess and teacher of Grammar and Rhetoric.

Bessie T. Wing, teacher of French, History and Literature.

Martha G. Reed, teacher of Mathematics.

Mary Amey Collins, teacher of English branches.

Hannah E. Bean, teacher of English branches.

Susan Godding, teacher of Drawing and Painting.

The health of the family during the past year has been generally good, although a few cases of sickness have occurred among the pupils, in all of which we are gratified in being able to state that they recovered, and in most of the instances resumed their places in the school.

Meetings for religious worship have been held at the school as previously, on First and Fourth days, at 11 o'clock A. M. These meet-

ings have frequently been attended by members of the committee, and have been both interesting and satisfactory.

The afternoon of the First day of the week has been occupied as heretofore with Scripture lessons, in which the whole school is engaged.

It is proposed that the charges for board and tuition for the coming year be

For members of our Yearly Meeting,	\$100.00 per annum.
For members of other Yearly Meetings, or where one	
or both parents are members of our religious society, or for scholars sent at the expense of such,	190.00 " "
For all others who may be admitted,	300.00 " "

One half payable at the commencement of the year, and one half at the opening after recess.

An additional charge of ten dollars each to be made for one year's instruction in Greek, Latin, French, German, or Drawing.

On behalf and by direction of the Committee.

GEO. HOWLAND, JR., Clerk.

PROVIDENCE, 5 mo. 30, 1876.

NOTE.—The Autumn term begins 9th mo. 6th, 1876, and closes 1st mo. 24th, 1877.
 Winter recess " 1st mo. 24th, 1877, " 2d mo. 7th, 1877.
 The Spring term " 2d mo. 7th, 1877, " 6th mo. 25th, 1877.

Applications for admission to the school should be made seasonably for the meeting of the committee on the 1st of Eighth month next.

Those who are members of our Yearly Meeting will have precedence of all others to that date; after which applications will be acted upon in the order in which they are received. Those who desire the benefit of the charitable funds should apply at the time specified. In all cases of application on the fund full answers will be required to a series of questions which will be furnished to the clerks of the several Monthly Meetings, on whom the applicants will please call for such questions.

All applications should be sent to the Principal. Address, ALBERT K. SMILEY, Friends' Boarding School, Providence, R. I.

TO FRIENDS OF THE MONTHLY AND PREPARATIVE MEETINGS OF NEW ENGLAND YEARLY MEETING :

At the meeting of the School Committee 5 mo. 30th, 1876, the following series of questions, to be answered by the applicants for the benefit of the Charitable Fund, was adopted, and the Clerk was di-

rected to cause them to be printed and forwarded to the Clerks of the Monthly Meetings, for distribution.

1. Name?
2. Age?
3. Name of Parents or Guardian?
4. Address of Parents or Guardian?
5. Monthly Meeting of Parents or Guardian?
6. Pecuniary circumstances of the family, number of children, and opportunities for education at home?
7. Moral character of applicant?
In the case of boys, state particularly whether or not they are addicted to profane language or to the use of tobacco.
8. What studies were pursued in the last school attended by applicant? What progress made in each?
9. Is it his or her purpose to teach?

To which questions full and explicit answers will be required from a responsible party, in order that the committee may be better able to judge in the cases of those applying for such benefit, and when answered, to be sent to A. K. SMILEY, Principal Friends' Boarding School, Providence, R. I., *in time* for the meeting of the committee, 8th mo. 1st. *At that meeting all the vacancies on the fund will be filled.*

15. Which being read, and weightily considered, was accepted, and the recommendations which it contained are adopted by this meeting; and the committee appointed last year are now reappointed on that service for the ensuing year, with the addition of Thomas B. Buffum in place of Samuel H. Colton, deceased; and this meeting now authorizes and empowers the said school committee, acting in its behalf, to make sale of such portion of the school premises, and at such prices, if way opens for it, as in their judgment will best promote the interest of that institution; first obtaining legal authority from the Supreme Court of Rhode Island, to sell, convey, and dispose of all of said lands, or any part thereof.

16. This meeting last year having authorized and empowered the said committee to make sales of such portions of the "Thomas L. Halsey land," so called, at such times and for such sums of money as in their judgment will most favorably promote the interest of the school, this meeting

now again authorizes and empowers the said committee, acting on its behalf, to carry out and accomplish what was intended last year; and George Howland, Jr., the treasurer of this Yearly Meeting, or his successor in that office, is hereby authorized and directed to make and execute good and sufficient deeds of conveyance, and sign the same on behalf of this meeting, adopting his seal as the corporate seal of this meeting, of any portion of the estate belonging to and known as the school premises, when the said school committee shall request him so to do. The said committee are further directed, when any moneys are so received, after paying any demands existing against the school, including taxes, if it becomes necessary, and for any needed betterments or improvements, to hold the balance subject to the direction of the Yearly Meeting.

17. The committee is requested to furnish all our Monthly Meetings with an ample number of the printed reports and questions to be answered by those desiring the benefit of the charitable fund.

18. *Names of Committee.* — Benjamin Buffum, Charles F. Coffin, George Howland, Jr., Edward Earle, Augustus F. Cox, Timothy B. Hussey, Charles B. Cates, Moses Bailey, George Bowen, William Forster Mitchell, Charles R. Tucker, William C. Taber, Edward W. Howland, George L. Collins, Samuel R. Buffinton, Thomas B. Buffum, Ellen K. Buffum, Ann Maria Coffin, Anna G. Wood, S. Jane Cox, Ann B. Earle, Margaret B. Cates, Anna M. Hussey, Hannah J. Bailey, Laura S. Collins, Rebecca C. Grinnell, Ann K. Colton, Lydia Haight, Sylvia G. Howland, Phebe S. Gifford, Hannah B. Sawyer, and Elizabeth H. Austin.

Adjourned to 10 o'clock on Second-day morning, the 12th inst.

SECOND-DAY — *Morning, 6th mo. 12th.* — The meeting again convened.

19. The following changes have occurred in our several Quarterly Meetings during the past year, viz. :

20. Salem Quarter reports that Fanny S. Pinkham, an Elder, and member of Salem Monthly Meeting, has removed to New York Monthly Meeting, New York Yearly Meeting; Lydia B. Gove, an Elder, and member of the same Monthly Meeting, died fifth month 3d, 1876, aged 70 years 11 months and 8 days. This meeting has united with Weare Monthly Meeting in the appointment of David Gove to the station of Elder.

21. Sandwich Quarter reports that Abraham Davis, a Minister, and member of New Bedford Monthly Meeting, died at Long Plain 6th mo. 3d, 1870, aged 89 years 5 months and 25 days. This information was accidentally omitted at the time of his decease. Dorcas F. Tucker, an Elder, and member of New Bedford Monthly Meeting, deceased 12th mo. 18th, 1875, aged 65 years 10 months and one day.

This meeting has concurred with Dartmouth Monthly Meeting in withdrawing from George W. Francis, their approval of his public ministry.

22. Falmouth Quarter informs us that Stephen Varney, an Elder, and member of Durham Monthly Meeting, died 2d mo. 25th, 1876, aged 79 years 2 months 28 days; Sarah B. Jones, an Elder, and member of Windham Monthly Meeting, died 2d mo. 24th, 1876, aged 79 years 8 months 16 days; Juliaett Pope, an Elder, and member of Windham Monthly Meeting, died 1st mo. 4th, 1876, aged 52 years 8 months. This meeting has united with Falmouth Monthly Meeting in appointing Esther Jones to the station of Elder.

23. Smithfield Quarter reports that it has united with Uxbridge Monthly Meeting in acknowledging the gift and approving the public ministry of Timothy K. Earle.

24. Vassalborough Quarter reports that William Taber, an Elder, and member of Unity Monthly Meeting, died 5th mo. 25th, 1876, aged 71 years.

25. Dover Quarter informs that Walter Sawyer, an Elder, and member of Dover Monthly Meeting, died 2d mo. 7th, 1876, aged 91 years 3 months; Naomi P. Hoag, an Elder,

and member of Sandwich Monthly Meeting, died 11th mo. 1st, 1875, aged 55 years 11 months.

26. Fairfield Quarter reports that Sarah Purinton, an Elder, and member of Sidney Monthly Meeting, died 11th mo. 5th, 1875, aged 77 years 6 months 3 days; Samuel Taylor, a Minister, and member of the same Monthly Meeting, died 11th mo. 9th, 1875, aged 78 years 2 months one day. This meeting has united with Sidney Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Sarah Sherman, Erastus B. Delano, Sarah Delano, Paul Wing, Hannah R. Wing, Silas E. Hoxie, Eliza A. Hoxie, and Josiah Magoon, to the station of Elder; and in acknowledging the gift and approving the public ministry of Mary Elma Richardson. This meeting has also united with Litchfield Monthly Meeting in acknowledging the gift and approving the public ministry of Isaac Warren Hawkes, George H. Farr, and Phebe M. Wadsworth, and in the appointment of Christina W. Hamblen, James Myers, and Emeline C. Myers to the station of Elder. It has also united with St. Albans Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Mary W. Tuttle to the station of Elder.

27. Melissa J. Pennington, who accompanies her husband John P. Pennington, is acceptably in the attendance of this meeting. A certificate from Spiceland Monthly Meeting, Indiana, liberating her for the service, has been read.

28. We appoint Joel Bean, Charles Taber, and Timothy B. Hussey, to embrace in a minute the religious exercises of this meeting during the time spent in reading the Answers to the Queries from our several Quarterly Meetings, and present it to a future sitting.

29. Under a precious covering of the Lord's Spirit, the meeting proceeded to consider the state of society, as we trust with close searching of heart, by reading the Answers to the Queries from the Quarterly Meetings; and having proceeded as far as the first and second queries, with the answers thereto, the meeting then adjourned to 4 o'clock P. M., when Friends again assembled and finished reading the remaining Queries and Answers. During this weighty engagement

Friends were deeply exercised that the many deficiencies reported may be removed. Prayer was offered, and tender counsel was handed forth by beloved Friends. The presence of the Master was witnessed, and we were baptized together into the love of Jesus, our ever living Redeemer.

30. SUMMARY ANSWERS.

1st. All our meetings for religious worship and discipline have been regularly held, except a few small meetings. On First-day they are attended by Friends generally. Those in the middle of the week more neglected by many. The hour is nearly observed. Nearly clear of unbecoming behavior.

2d. Love and unity are in a good degree maintained among us, with little exception. Detraction for the most part guarded against. Endeavors are used to end differences when they appear.

3d. Most of our members are careful to maintain a religious life and conversation. We are fearful that some who have children and others under their care are not as faithful as the truth requires to bring them up in accordance with our Christian profession.

4th. We believe the Holy Scriptures are read individually and collectively in most Friends' families, and that their children and others are encouraged in the practice of this religious duty. A few neglect to maintain a free gospel ministry.

5th. The use of intoxicating liquors as a beverage is, we think, avoided, with few exceptions. Careful respecting amusements inconsistent with a Christian character, except in a few instances. Moderation is generally observed.

6th. The circumstances of the poor are attended to, with one exception, and care is generally taken to procure suitable employment. Means are provided for the education of their children.

7th. There is some unfaithfulness in bearing our testimony against military matters. We know of none in relation to the public revenue. Not all clear against oaths.

8th. Friends are generally careful to inspect their affairs and settle their accounts. Careful as regards punctuality and paying debts, with few exceptions. We believe Friends endeavor to live within the bounds of their circumstances.

9th. Our records are attended to, with a few exceptions in one Quarterly Meeting. A few removals without certificates, some of

whom are living without the limits of any recognized Monthly Meeting, whose cases are under notice.

10th. The discipline is administered in Christian tenderness, with impartiality, though not in all cases as timely as would be best. Judgment is placed in the authority of truth and according to discipline, but not always when it appears necessary.

Adjourned to 10 o'clock to-morrow.

6th mo. 13th—10 o'clock A. M.—The meeting convened, according to adjournment.

31. The representatives present except ten. Reasons were given for the absence of eight.

32. The Epistle of our dear friends of London Yearly Meeting of the present year has come to hand this morning, the reading of which has brought them very near to us as brethren beloved in the truth. It is referred to our committee on correspondence.

33. This meeting has been dipped into near sympathy with our subordinate meetings, and especially with those composed of but few members, with a desire to extend a helping hand to them.

34. We appoint George Bowen, Henry T. Wood, William C. Taber, J. William Jacob, Moses Bailey, James P. Boyce, George Douglass, and Timothy B. Hussey, to unite with a similar committee of women Friends, to propose to a future sitting the names of Friends to constitute a committee to extend care, counsel and encouragement, to such meetings and Friends as they may be drawn unto in the love of the gospel.

35. The Summary Answers from the Yearly Meeting of Ministers and Elders have been received and read, and directed to be recorded.

Ans. 1. Ministers and Elders are diligent in attending meetings for worship and discipline, with a little exception in the answer from one meeting. They endeavor to promote the attendance of their families.

Ans. 2. The lives and conversation of Ministers and Elders are,

we believe, in a good measure clean and blameless among men ; they are in unity one with another and with the meeting to which they belong, and harmoniously labor together for the honor of truth ; a little exception is mentioned in the answers from three Quarterly Meetings.

Ans. 3. They are careful to rule their own houses well, and endeavor by example and precept to train up their families in a religious life and conversation, consistent with our Christian profession.

Ans. 4. They are in a good degree preserved in love, and are concerned to administer encouragement or counsel as occasion may require, in reference to ministry or conduct.

STATISTICS.

36. Statistics of membership from our Quarterly Meetings have been read, and are as follows :

	Births.	Deaths.	Moved into.	Moved out.	Admitted.	Released.	Present number.	
Rhode Island, . . .	110	3	4	24	1	671	Gain, 8.	
Salem,	612	411	0	5	705	Loss, 18.		
Sandwich,	521	912	25	1	795	Gain, 5.		
Falmouth,	311	8	8	5	5	546	Loss, 13.	
Smithfield,	312	0	0	10	2	449	Loss, 4.	
Vassalborough, . .	510	216	11	3	544	Loss, 11.		
Dover,	25	0	1	0	0	314	Loss, 2.	
Fairfield,	3	8	3	0	32	0	425	Gain, 35.
Total,	2889	2952	107	17	4449	Same as last year.		

37. Salem Quarterly Meeting having requested that a new apportionment of stock be made at this time, the representatives are directed to take the subject under consideration, in accordance with the provision of our discipline, and report to this meeting.

38. Salem Quarter also proposes that its Quarterly Meeting of Ministers and Elders held in the First month at Lynn

be in the future held at Salem, commencing at 2 o'clock in the afternoon, which is approved by this meeting.

39. Salem further proposes that the time of holding its Quarterly Meeting be so changed that in the future it be held on the second Fifth-day in the months in which it is now held, commencing at the same hour, to be followed by a meeting or meetings for worship on Sixth-day, at 10 o'clock A. M., under the care of the Quarterly Meeting; which is referred back to the Quarterly Meeting for further consideration.

40. At the request of Salem Quarterly Meeting this meeting directs that each quarter make up the statistical information to the first day of the 3d month, in order that a correct account be rendered to the Yearly Meeting.

41. Dover Quarter reports that Berwick Monthly Meeting has appointed Timothy B. Hussey its correspondent; address, North Berwick, Maine.

42. Fairfield Quarter reports that Sidney Monthly Meeting had appointed Joseph Taylor its correspondent in place of Samuel Taylor, deceased; address, Belgrade, Maine.

43. And that St. Albans Monthly Meeting had appointed William P. Winslow correspondent of that meeting, in place of Daniel Winslow, deceased; address, St. Albans, Maine.

Adjourned to 4 o'clock this afternoon, to meet in joint session with women Friends.

Afternoon. — Friends assembled in joint session.

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

44. The Joint Committee on Foreign Missions presented the following report, and after it was read Eli Jones gave an interesting account of his visit to the East, and explained the progress of the mission work in a more extended manner than it was set forth in the report, all of which was truly interesting and satisfactory to the meeting.

45. The committee are continued another year, with de-

sires that the blessings witnessed the past year may be continued.

Names of Committee. — Eli Jones, Ellen L. Congdon, Joseph E. Macomber, Timothy K. Earle, Rebecca H. Smiley, John H. Crosman, Thomas Wood, Susan Taber Thompson, Deborah W. Crosman, Harriet N. Jones, George Howland, Jr., Sylvia G. Howland, Charles M. Bailey, Albert C. Bufum, Ann B. Earle, Charles C. Varney, Lydia Ann Cartland, Abby S. Battey, Lydia E. Sawyer, Mary B. Breed of Weare, Anna G. Wood, Charles B. Cates, Margaret B. Cates, Obadiah Chase, Julia Ann Hodgdon, and Benjamin F. Knowles.

TO THE YEARLY MEETING :

The joint committee appointed by the Yearly Meeting to have charge of the subject of Foreign Missions, present the following report, viz. :

We have endeavored to perform the duty intrusted to us as ability and opportunity have been afforded, being much aided therein by the efficient work done at Brumana by our dear friend Eli Jones, and the frequent and full reports sent by him.

Alfred Lloyd Fox and Henry Newman, members of the English committee associated with us in the care of the Brumana Mission, accompanied Eli Jones on his journey to Syria, and they arrived at Brumana on the first day of twelfth mo., 1875. They were warmly welcomed by the members of the Mission family, and at once commenced their work. All the schools were examined, and detailed accounts of the state and progress of each class have been forwarded to us, showing much interest on the part of teachers and scholars. The parents, too, almost invariably attended the examinations, and often the chief authorities of the village, while the English and American Friends were sometimes treated to the fruits of the country at the schools, or invited to the Sheik's house to partake of coffee.

The schools now under the care of Theophilus Waldmeier number seven, viz., two at Brumana, one for boys and one for girls, and one each at Beit Miri, Dah Bsaidim, Roumi, Nebich, and Mansourieh. This last is for girls only, and has been commenced during the past year, and, with the Roumi school, is supported by English and American Friends. The total number of scholars is three hundred, and the visitors report the examination of each class as being satisfac-

tory. The good reading and knowledge of Scripture are particularly remarked.

A house belonging to an Emir or Prince of the town, situated near the Mission and well suited for the purpose, has been leased for two years as a temporary Home for Orphans, and, after the needful cleaning and arrangement, was opened on the first of first mo., 1876, and eight boys, all destitute, were admitted. Care was taken to receive only those who were sound in mind and body, and likely to become useful characters. The youngest is six years old, the eldest fifteen. This Home is to be sustained by the joint action of Friends in England and America. The boys' school at Brumana is to be held in the same building to save expense, and its teacher, Ibrahim Tasso, has the principal charge of the Training Home, with Arcle Dieb, an ex-mayor of the town, as assistant and house-steward.

A meeting for worship is held every First-day at Brumana, and frequently at Nebich and Roumi. That at Brumana is attended by upwards of 125 persons, the others are smaller. A First-day school is held at Brumana and well attended by children and adults, and a meeting for worship is held on Fifth-day evening.

A little company of believers has been organized according to the principles of the Society of Friends, eight persons have joined it, and several more show an earnest inquiring spirit. The London Advices and Queries have been translated into Arabic for their use, and they hold a regular Monthly Meeting.

As there was so much difficulty in getting possession of the land originally purchased, another piece of ground has been obtained for forty pounds sterling. It consists of about four acres, and has upon it 200 fig trees and upwards of 100 fir trees. Its Arabic name is "Rooisee," meaning the "top of the hill," from its commanding position. A part of the land has been terraced, and olive and other fruit trees and grape vines planted, in the hope that it will afford a good opportunity for teaching proper methods of agriculture to the boys at the Training Home, and that the products will aid in the support of the Mission. Instruction has to begin at the rudiments here, and the members of the committee gave practical examples of the best methods of planting trees, handling pick and spade, and laying stone-walls straight instead of zigzag.

An interview took place with Rustem Pasha, the Governor-General of Mt. Lebanon, relative to the lawsuit about the title to the first piece of land, when he professed his desire that it should be quickly termi-

nated. This has since been done by a payment of about twenty pounds sterling to the three women who claimed compensation, and it has been officially ratified. Theophilus Waldmeier desires to be authorized to proceed with the building of the Training Home and Mission House.

Theophilus Waldmeier and his excellent wife continue to have the general oversight of the Mission Work, and Hanni Ferach teaches the girls' school at Brumana. The mixed school at Roumi is taught by Joseph Chater, one of those who are convinced of Friends' principles, and the new school at Mansourieh is under the care of Sareefie Douanie. Mualim Isaach is still engaged as Scripture reader, and Catherine Elchury teaches sewing in the girls' school and has the care of the sick. Ali Beshew, formerly a Druse, but educated by English Friends, is also in our employment as a teacher.

The visit of our friends has proved to be timely and beneficial to the Mission, and has cleared away difficulties that appeared to be insurmountable. Though some of the clergy are still bitterly opposed to the work, it is evident that a change has occurred in the feeling of the people toward it. One who was formerly an opponent called one day at the Home and was kindly entertained. In the course of conversation he said to Th. Waldmeier, "I have seen many strange things in my day, but the strangest of all is that you are in the possessions of the Emirs of Brumana." The house occupied by Th. Waldmeier, and the one just leased for a Training Home, both belonged to the Emirs, and all the Bibles in the place were burned on the little open square in front of them, by order of the government, fifty years ago.

The interest in education seems also to be increasing. As the committee were returning one day from a meeting, they were met by a deputation from the village of Shura, requesting that a school should be established there. This place had been considered so fanatical that it would be useless to attempt anything of the kind.

An increased contribution has been sent to the Mission from a Missionary Society in Sweden. Swiss friends to the Mission propose to furnish funds for the support of five schools, and Im Yesséf the Bible woman for the present year.

We would commend the Mission work at Brumana to the continued care of the Yearly Meeting, and trust that the Lord will still aid and bless all who are concerned in it.

On behalf of the committee.

SUSAN TABER THOMPSON, Clerk.

NEWPORT, 6 mo. 13, 1876.

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN MISSIONS OF NEW ENGLAND YEARLY MEETING,
IN ACCOUNT WITH GEORGE HOWLAND, JR., TREASURER:

		DR.	
1875, 6 mo.	To balance from old account,	\$1,643.29	
	To amount collected at Newport,	249.42	
	To amt. recd. from members of our own Yearly Meeting,	84.55	
	To amt. recd. from members of other Yearly Meetings,	57.00	
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1875, 8 mo. 26.	By amount paid for bill on London for £64,	\$355.94	
12 mo. 28.	“ “ “ “ 50,	276.85	
1876, 2 mo.	“ “ “ “ 150,	829.24	
6 mo.	By balance to new account,	572.23	
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			\$2,034.26

Errors excepted.

GEO. HOWLAND, JR., Treasurer.

NEWPORT, 6 mo. 10th, 1876.

TO THE FOREIGN MISSION COMMITTEE OF NEW ENGLAND'S YEARLY
MEETING, CARE OF ELI JONES:

DEAR FRIENDS, — Your kind Christian letter has reached us by our dear and venerable friend Eli Jones. Our hearts have been tenderly touched by your sympathy so lovingly expressed towards us. Your good counsel and wishes referring to the organization of a church at Brumana, Mount Lebanon, according to the gospel principles of the Society of Friends, have been accomplished. Eli Jones and his dear companions, Alfred L. Fox and Henry Newman from England, helped kindly in this good work. Now, as we form a little church, we need further your Christian sympathy and prayerful interest, for we are but few in number and weak in strength, in comparison to the counteracting influences and fearful darkness and degradation round about us. We take the opportunity to express our profoundest and heartfelt thankfulness to our Heavenly Father and to you, for having sent dear Eli Jones, who has been with us for about three months, and has worked with us and has helped us in every respect. We are not able to reward him for that which he has done in this Mission, but our prayers shall follow him, and our Heavenly Father will reward him by a crown of glory which will not vanish away. We charge dear Eli Jones to tell you all about the Mission here, as well as about the little church at Brumana. We desire very much to enter into a more intimate Christian fellowship with you. Oh, how beautiful it is, and will be,

when the noble arch of brotherly Christian love is bent over the Atlantic ocean and the Mediterranean sea, resting firmly on one side upon the good hearts of New England's dear Friends, and on the other side upon the hearts of their brethren on Mount Lebanon!

May the Lord ever bless you, dear friends, for all that which you have already done in this Mission. Please do not get weary in well doing, for great is the price which Jesus Christ has prepared for you in heaven.

In behalf of the Brumana Monthly Meeting on Mount Lebanon.

SUSANE WALDMIER.

HANNI FERACH.

LEA SCHAMAH.

ISACC SCHAMAH.

IM. JOSEPH.

IBRAHIM TASSO.

JOSEPH CHATER.

THEOPHILUS WALDMEIER,

Clerk to the Meeting at Brumana.

26th of 2 mo., 1876.

BIBLE SCHOOLS.

46. The educational committee, in which was included Bible School Instruction, have submitted their annual report, including valuable statistical information, which being read and considered, was highly satisfactory to the meeting. We commit the subject to the care of the following friends as a committee for the ensuing year, viz., Joseph E. Macomber, Charles Taber, Samuel R. Buffinton, Timothy B. Hussey, Anna G. Wood, Susan T. Thompson, and Elizabeth Ann Slade.

The Committee on Scripture Schools report that they have given attention to the objects of their appointment.

The system of the registration of classes and of the records of membership and attendance in the schools, introduced last year, has been continued and extended.

The objects of this system are these, viz. :

1st. To obtain reliable statistics to report to the Yearly Meeting.

2d. To increase the efficiency and extend the usefulness of the

schools themselves. If each teacher has a class-book in which he or she records carefully the names and residences of his or her class, recording also weekly their attendance or absence, a feeling of responsibility for such attendance is increased, and inquiries for those absent and visits to such are suggested and facilitated.

3d. To unite the schools of our Yearly Meeting together, and facilitate communications between its various sections.

We hope this system of registration, adapted by us from the system used in Indiana Yearly Meeting, may continue to be used here, and that any difficulties yet in the way of a perfect record in some places may be overcome.

Teachers' enrollment books and Superintendents' record books have been prepared and supplied free of charge. If any more are needed they can be furnished on application.

Printed slips giving the reported condition of the schools have been prepared, and one of them is appended to this report. A limited number are ready for distribution. The footings are as follows :

Number of schools,	59
Total number connected with these schools, including teachers, being the highest number enrolled at any one time during the year ending 4 mo. 1, 1876,	2802
Number of teachers,	259
Number of members of our Society connected with these schools,	1526
New schools this year,	9
Schools discontinued,	4

The average of attendance is nearly two thirds of the highest number enrolled, so that we can calculate that every First-day about 1000 of our members are engaged either as scholars or teachers in our Scripture schools. We hope this number may be increased.

Efforts have been made by the committee, through the various Quarterly Meeting Conferences and by correspondence, in setting up new schools in meetings where none existed.

The fact of there being but few children in a meeting ought not to prevent work of this kind ; nor should we consider the limits of membership as necessarily the limits of our responsibility ; nor is it necessary to confine it to children only.

We would encourage the establishment of Family and Neighborhood schools when Meeting schools seem impossible.

The first day of the week, set apart as a day of rest, need not become to any a heavy, weary day of ennui and languor. It is the

experience of many that it is far better to find it become a day of enjoyment, filled with that real happiness which follows upon faithful, cheerful performance of loving labor for the Lord's sake.

Just now, in many of the great fields of material industry, there seems to be but little chance to obtain employment, — looms are idle and storehouses full. But now it would seem more than ever, while the harvest of the Lord's fields is abundant and the pay ample and secure, yet that the laborers are few. "Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest that he will send forth laborers into his harvest."

For the committee.

ANNA G. WOOD.

NEWPORT, 6 mo. 13, 1876.

BIBLE SCHOOL STATISTICS.

RHODE ISLAND QUARTERLY MEETING.

	NAME AND ADDRESS OF SUPERINTENDENT.	Whole No. of Teachers and Scholars.	No. of Teachers.		No. of Friends, (Scholars, Teachers and Supt.)
*Newport,.....	Thomas Buffum, Newport, R. I.,.....	12	1	8	
Portsmouth,.....	Joseph E. Macomber, Portsmouth, R. I.,.....	53	4	22	
Tiverton,.....					
*Greenwich,.....	Solomon R. Knowles, East Greenwich, R. I.,.....	35	3	6	
Coventry,.....					
Somerset,.....	Richard R. Macomber, Swanzev Village, Mass.,.....	40	4	25	
Freetown,.....					
Fall River,.....	Samuel R. Buffinton, Fall River, Mass.,.....	54	6	34	
Peacedale,.....					
Hopkinton, 7 mos. in the year,	Wm. T. Collins, Hopkinton, R. I.,.....	44	4	31	
Cumberland,.....					
*Smithfield,.....	Louisa Meader, Lower Smithfield, R. I.,.....	13	1	13	
Providence, 10 mos.,..	Thomas J. Battey, Providence, R. I.,.....	72	9	25	
The Boarding School,.	Albert K. Smiley, " " ".....	202	11	103	

SALEM QUARTERLY MEETING.

Salem,.....	Joshua Buxton, Jr., Peabody, Mass.,.....	16	1	10	
Lynn,.....	J. Ellwood Page, Lynn, Mass.,.....	114	14	57	
Amesbury,.....	Mercy S. Davis, Pleasant Valley, Mass.,.....	11	1	2	
Seabrook,.....					
Epping,.....					
Pittsfield,.....					
West Newbury,.....	Robert L. Brown, Newburyport, Mass.,.....	23	2	16	
South Weare,.....	Lindley H. Farr, North Weare, N. H.,.....	25	1	23	
North Weare,.....	Moses Sawyer, North Weare, N. H.,.....	62	5	51	
Henniker,.....	Franklin T. Huntington, Henniker, N. H.,.....	13	1	13	
Boston,.....	Olney T. Meader, Roxbury, Mass.,.....	54	3	44	

SANDWICH QUARTERLY MEETING.

Sandwich,	Frederick B. Holway, East Sandwich, Mass.,	43	3	20
Yarmouth,	David Kelley, South Yarmouth, Mass.,	29	3	4
Falmouth,	Arnold Gifford, West Falmouth, Mass.,	36	4	28
Pembroke,				
Apponeganset,				
Newtown,				
Smith's Neck,	Abm. H. Smith, (Union School,) South Dartmouth,	64	11	10
Allen's Neck,	Charles Fisher, Dartmouth, Mass.,	133	12	36
Westport,	John A. Macomber, Central Village, Westport, Mass., ..	67	5	42
* Westport Centre,	William P. Macomber, Head Westport,	22	2	4
† Little Compton,				
New Bedford,	Matthew Howland, New Bedford, Mass.,	155	15	56
Long Plain,	Richard Davis, Jr., Long Plain, Mass.,	33	4	16
Acushnet,	N. Hervey Wilbur, Acushnet, Mass.,	20	1	14
Fairhaven,	John Wood, Jr., New Bedford, Mass.,	15	1	12
Mattapoisett,	Joshua L. Macomber, Mattapoisett, Mass.,	42	5	12

FALMOUTH QUARTERLY MEETING.

Portland,	Augustus F. Cox, Portland, Maine,	31	4	28
Westbrook,	Albert F. Minot, Deering, Stevens' Plains, Maine,	53	3	31
Durham,	Amos F. Lunt, South Durham, Maine,	77	9	40
Lewiston,				
Windham,	Elijah Cook, Windham, Maine,	103	15	54
* Casco,	S. A. Hall, Casco, Maine,	30	2	18
Limington,				
Parsonfield,	Silas H. Cartland, East Parsonfield, Maine,	28	3	20
† Topsham,				
Brunswick, from 1st of 5th mo. to 1st of 10 mo.	Lemuel Jones, Brunswick, Maine,	40	6	14

SMITHFIELD QUARTERLY MEETING.

Smithfield,	James S. Reed, Woonsocket, R. I.,	47	3	25
* Burrillville,	Willet Southwick, Burrillville, R. I.,	46	4	29
Blackstone,				
Mansfield,	Sarah A. Burgess, West Mansfield, Mass.,	24	1	13
Uxbridge,	George S. Southwick, Uxbridge, Mass.,	22	2	14
Northbridge,	Hiram Wing, Northbridge, Mass.,	24	4	7
Worcester,	Eben W. Hoxie, Worcester, Mass.,	51	5	41
Bolton,	Thomas A. Wheeler, Bolton, Mass.,	66	5	53

VASSALBOROUGH QUARTERLY MEETING.

Vassalborough,				
East Vassalborough, ..	Thomas B. Nichols, East Vassalborough, Maine,	52	5	50
* China, 6 mos.,	Miriam Austin, China, Maine,	46	3	29
* South China,	Frank E. Jones, South China, Maine,	25	3	25
China,	Hartwell A. Jenkins,	25	3	18
Unity,	Clement R. Jones, Unity, Maine,	48	4	31
† Thorndike,				
Brooks,				
Oak Grove Seminary, .				
* Dirigo,	Frederic D. Jones, Dirigo, South China,	20	2	9

DOVER QUARTERLY MEETING.


Dover, 10 mos.,	Amos D. Purinton, Dover, N. H.,	39	2	35
Pine Grove,				
Rochester— $\frac{1}{2}$ of the year during warm weather,	Joseph H. Pratt, Rochester, N. H.,	45	4	25
New Durham,				
Gilmanston,	Cyrus Varney,	13	1	13
Berwick,	Timothy B. Hussey, North Berwick, Maine,	33	3	16
North Sandwich,	George F. Varney, North Sandwich, N. H.,	27	3	17
† Centre Sandwich,				

FAIRFIELD QUARTERLY MEETING.

Fairfield,	Joseph T. Richardson, North Fairfield, Maine,	61	5	16
Sidney,	James Shearman, Sidney, Maine,	42	4	19
Winthrop,	Henry Winslow, Winthrop, Maine,	105	6	52
† Manchester,				
St. Albans,				
West Gardiner,	Mark Osborn, West Gardiner, Maine,	77	8	47

* New schools opened during the past year.

† Schools discontinued during the past year.

 Teachers' Enrollment Books and Superintendents' Record Books can be obtained free of charge on application to

CHAS. TABER, Secy., New Bedford, Mass.

Adjourned to meet in separate sessions to-morrow morning at 10 o'clock.

FOURTH-DAY — *Morning, the 14th.* — Friends assembled pursuant to adjournment.

47. The reading of the records of this meeting for the past year was omitted by the direction of the meeting.

SECULAR EDUCATION.

48. The Committee on Secular Education have submitted the following report, as the result of their labors for the past year.

TO THE YEARLY MEETING :

The Committee on Secular Education report that they have attended to their appointment, and that pursuant to the direction of our last Yearly Meeting William F. Mitchell has visited each of our Monthly Meetings for the purpose of obtaining correct statistics and of interesting parents and children in denominational schools; and that he has accomplished much more than was contemplated at the inception of this visit. He has obtained correct statistics, as we believe. He has duly recorded the name, birthday, and educational history of every child under instruction in the Yearly Meeting, which record is to be carefully preserved for future use.

He has, we believe, been instrumental in reviving in some degree the declining interest in denominational schools. He has also carried from meeting to meeting an encouraging report of the condition of our Society, the quickening influence of which is manifest, and we trust that it will be preserved.

The following is the summary of statistics :

Whole number of children,	672
Instructed by Friends,	123
Not instructed by Friends,	549
At college,	16
At Haverford,	6
At college out of the Society,	10
Desirous of collegiate instruction,	7
Receiving higher academic instruction,	76
Desiring such instruction, but without means,	75
School teachers reported,	76

It appears that there are 549 children not instructed by Friends at all, while we have 76 teachers ; that there are 75 persons desirous of higher academic instruction who have not the means, — a fact which claims the earnest prayerful consideration of the Yearly Meeting. We have sixteen young men in college, only six of whom are at our own college. We feel that great responsibility rests upon this meeting to see to it that these are not allowed to stray away through our neglect, for the church surely needs the strength of their days and the benefit of their consecrated gifts and acquirements.

We have only six out of sixteen in our own college at Haverford, and the committee sincerely believe that this ought not so to be ; but that the teachers of our schools, the influence at our schools, the parents, and the feeling of the Yearly Meeting at large, ought to be enlisted in the interest of our college ; and if the college has defects, let them be remedied.

The committee cannot at present recommend the expenditure of money, but they cannot lose sight of the fact that we have seventy-six teachers, most of whom would be greatly benefited by normal instruction, not to mention other blessings which would come to the church by these persons being well instructed how to teach. It is important that our teachers really understand and believe our distinctive and substantive principles, whether they teach them dogmatically or not ; because they will not then fail to exhibit them in their beauty and power, and thus to adorn the doctrines which we profess.

The committee have expended four hundred and thirty dollars of the \$700 appropriated last year, and suggest that one hundred and fifty dollars of the remaining \$370 be left subject to the use of the committee for next year, to complete the record for that year, and also to complete the service in two or three meetings.

In behalf of the committee.

AUGUSTINE JONES.

CAROLINE ALICE JONES.

49. The statistical and other information contained in the report is satisfactory and encouraging to the meeting. The great amount of labor performed by the committee evidences that they have fully realized the importance of this interesting subject, which was committed to their care. We again commit to their keeping this important branch of our Christian work; and in order to enable them to labor in this cause, we direct our treasurer to place \$150 at their disposal.

Committee. — Augustine Jones, Deborah W. Crosman, Thomas J. Battey, Carrie Alice Jones, Charles H. Jones, H. Lizzie Jones.

GENERAL MEETINGS.

50. The Committee on General Meetings made the following report, viz. :

TO THE YEARLY MEETING :

The Joint Committee on General Meetings present the following report, viz. :

We have deeply felt the responsibility of our work, and as we have been impressed with the needs of the various localities, and as the residents therein have called upon us to do so, four general meetings have been held, viz., at Burrillville and West Mansfield in Smithfield Quarter, at Smith's Neck in Sandwich Quarter, and at Hopkinton in Rhode Island Quarter. Several series of meetings have also been held, all of which we believe have been to the glory of God. Accounts received from these places since the close of the meetings testify that the good work has continued to go on.

We commend the subject to the continued care of the Yearly Meeting.

On behalf of the committee.

SUSAN T. THOMPSON, Clerk.

NEWPORT, 6 mo. 13, 1876.

Which being read was interesting; and the result of general and series of meetings held within the limits of this Yearly Meeting, during not only the past but previous years, has been abundantly owned and blessed by our ever-living Lord, to the great rejoicing of many souls in Christ, the rock of our salvation.

51. We continue the committee for the ensuing year, with the addition of William Thompson, on that important service of the church, with the prayer that they may be habilitated with power from on high to labor successfully in the cause of Christ.

Our Quarterly Meetings are requested to appoint committees to cooperate with the above committee, as in previous years.

Names of Committee. — Eli Jones, William C. Taber, Anna G. Wood, Sarah W. Goddard, John Cartland, Lydia Haight, Richard Battey, William O. Newhall, Thomas B. Buffum, Moses Bailey, Rebecca H. Smiley, Anna T. Dennis, Abigail M. Hanson, Susan T. Thompson, Timothy B. Hussey, Edward W. Collins, Jane C. Minott, Phebe P. Jones, Hannah G. Sawyer, Matthew Howland, Henry T. Wood, Edward W. Howland, George Bowen, David K. Akin, Abigail C. Beede, Joseph E. Macomber, J. William Jacob, Joseph H. Pratt, Harriet D. Collins, Harriet N. Jones, Sibyl Narcissa Jacob, William Thompson.

REPRESENTATIVE MEETING.

52. The records of the Representative Meeting were now read, and the business and doings of that meeting are approved by the Yearly Meeting.

53. The representatives of men and women Friends in the attendance of this meeting are directed, in accordance with our discipline, to present to a future sitting the names of Friends to constitute a Representative Meeting for the ensuing year.

54. WESTERN YEARLY MEETING.

The following minute attached to the Epistle from Western Yearly Meeting was taken into solid deliberation, but the meeting was not prepared to unite with the proposition at the present time.

On the reading of the correspondence of the several Yearly Meetings, this meeting has again been introduced into prayerful and

fraternal interest and sympathy for all that bear our name, and especially for the Yearly Meetings on the American Continent. We are again impressed with the necessity of a General Conference, by delegates from the several Yearly Meetings, to take into consideration, and endeavor to reach conclusions upon such subjects as concern the general welfare of our Society, and to meet at such time and place as may be agreed upon during the course of its consideration by the several Yearly Meetings. Our correspondents are directed to append this proposition to our Epistles to other Yearly Meetings.

Adjourned to the usual hour this afternoon.

Afternoon. — Friends met at 4 o'clock.

TEMPERANCE.

55. The committee set apart last year to labor in the cause of Temperance, now submit the result of their exertions in endeavoring to promote total abstinence, in the following report, viz. :

TO NEW ENGLAND YEARLY MEETING :

The committee appointed to have the care of the cause of Temperance in New England Yearly Meeting have attended to that service, and submit the following report.

While we lament a want of sympathy with the movement, painfully apparent in some places within our limits, our hearts have been encouraged and our hopes of ultimate success strengthened by an evident increase of interest in the Society at large in this important work during the year.

Nearly all of our Monthly Meetings have responded to the request of the Yearly Meeting, by appointing committees to cooperate with us in the work.

With a desire to present to this meeting a definite and accurate report of the standing of its members on this important subject, a pledge was prepared by your committee, and copies presented to each of our Monthly Meetings, with the request that Friends would sign it or give their reasons for a refusal. A large majority of our members have cheerfully responded by placing their signatures to it. A few, however, and among these some of our dearest and most influential Friends, have declined, and in a few instances without giving a reason for this refusal. Consequently, the work is incomplete.

Two public meetings have been held, one in Windham, Maine, and the other in Dover, N. H., both of which were largely attended, and we believe productive of excellent results. Considerable labor has been bestowed among the children in our First-day schools, and a large amount of temperance literature distributed.

At a meeting of the committee held in Portland in tenth month last, a sub-committee was appointed for such especial effort in the cause of Temperance as they may see needs to be done. Through their influence a Conference of Ministers was called in the city of Boston, the 15th and 16th of 3d month last. The objects of holding this convention were, 1st, to strengthen the clergy and make them more in *earnest*; 2d, to open a way for a union of church effort in the great total abstinence movement of the day. This concern was cordially entered into by others, especially by the Boston Christian Temperance Union, J. B. Dunn, President. J. P. Boyce, of Lynn, found in this Association a cordial co-worker, and with its aid and influence the convention was called, the published proceedings of which give the attendance as 241. It is confidently asserted that 400 ministers were in attendance during the session. It is believed that no temperance convention has ever been held in New England, the influence of which will be so widely felt as this. It was gratifying, while humiliating, to be made aware of the high esteem in which our Society is held, and yet *so undeserving*. In view of the openness to receive Friends and labor with them, we would recommend that our successors be requested, if they find nothing in the way, to carry out the plan thus begun, or adopt some other which shall reach the same results. 200 copies of the proceedings of the convention were taken, the ministers of our Society to be supplied with free copies.

We have drawn on the treasurer of the Yearly Meeting for the sum of \$251.32. We would recommend that a similar committee be appointed this year, with an appropriation not exceeding \$300.

With this report we submit also the following Minute, for the adoption of the Yearly Meeting:

This meeting has again had under solemn consideration the subject of total abstinence, and in view of the strong hold intemperance has upon all classes of society, we believe it right to encourage all true and judicious workers in this cause. We are cheered at the evident advance that has been made in the right direction, and pray God for the final triumph of the right.

HARRIET N. JONES, Clerk.

This was read, and is encouraging to the meeting, the subject being one of vital importance to the existence and welfare of the whole human family.

Although there are many discouraging things which have tended in a great measure to retard this work, yet we are encouraged to persevere in a Christian spirit to promote the object, which is total abstinence, and we commit the subject again to the same committee, except Jabez Wood, removed without our limits, and desire to hold up their hands and sustain their efforts in this important labor.

Our treasurer is directed to hold \$300 subject to the order of the committee.

Our Monthly Meetings are requested to appoint committees to cooperate with our committee in forwarding this good work.

Names of Committee. — *Men* — Joseph E. Macomber, Zephaniah Breed, James P. Boyce, Charles Taber, Augustus F. Cox, Edward S. Hacker, Timothy K. Earle, Abel C. Munro, Eli Jones, Jonathan Estes, Albert C. Buffum, Albert C. Hill, Jonathan Cartland, Joseph E. Briggs, Isaac Warren Hawkes, Charles R. Tucker, Charles W. Goddard, Samuel R. Buffinton, J. William Jacob. *Women* — Ellen K. Buffum, Gertrude W. Cartland, Lydia C. Neal, Deborah W. Crosman, Susan Taber, Elizabeth C. Wing, Myra E. Frye, Saloma Jane Cox, Susan Ann Gifford, Lydia Haight, Mary C. Jones, Eliza Philbrook, Lydia E. Sawyer, Gulielma M. Purinton, Harriet N. Jones, Phebe M. Wadsworth, Phebe S. Gifford, Charlotte D. Holmes, and Elizabeth B. Nichols.

ALDRICH BEQUEST.

56. Our friend Luke Aldrich, late of Woonsocket, R. I., deceased, made the following bequest to this Yearly Meeting, in accordance with the extract from his will herewith annexed.

TO THE REPRESENTATIVE MEETING OF NEW ENGLAND YEARLY MEETING OF FRIENDS, TO BE HELD AT PROVIDENCE, R. I., 2D MO. 2, '76 :

Extracts from the last will and testament of our dear friend Luke Aldrich, late of Woonsocket, R. I., deceased :

Section Fourth. I give and devise to the Yearly Meeting of Friends

for New England all my real and personal estate that remains after my just debts are paid ; also after the payment of the second and third bequests hereinbefore made. The income arising from said estate to be applied towards the support of their boarding school establishment at Providence, in the State of Rhode Island. And my will is that said Yearly Meeting of Friends may, if at any time they shall deem it proper so to do, sell and dispose of said real estate, and apply the proceeds thereof to the purposes of education, as shall seem to them most conducive to the general good of said institution ; it being my desire, as far as the small means with which I have been favored will enable me, to promote the literary and religious education of the children and youth of our Society, free from the contaminating influence of the vain and fashionable world.

NELSON TAFT, Exr.

And during the recess of the Yearly Meeting, the attention of the Representative Meeting having been called to the subject, and a necessity existing for the conveyance of some real estate, George Howland, Jr., the treasurer of this Yearly Meeting, did, at the request of the said Representative Meeting, make and execute, on behalf of this meeting, a deed of a house and lot situate in Woonsocket, R. I., for the sum of \$4,000.

57. This meeting accepts the trust thus created, and hereby ratifies and confirms the act of the Representative Meeting, and also of the treasurer, in the conveyance of said real estate, and acknowledges it as an act of this meeting.

The treasurer is directed to pay the amount received by him over to the Treasurer of the Boarding School Fund, so that the income arising therefrom may be used as directed by the testator, for the schooling of the children who are members of this Yearly Meeting. And the treasurer of this meeting is directed to receive any further sum that may be due on this trust, and pay the same to the treasurer of the school fund.

58. At the request of this Yearly Meeting, through its Representative Meeting, the State of Maine passed the following act in 1875, viz. :

AN ACT TO INCORPORATE THE YEARLY MEETING OF FRIENDS FOR
NEW ENGLAND.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in Legislature assembled, as follows :

SECTION 1. Eli Jones, Moses Bailey, Reuben T. Jones, Edward Howland, William C. Taber, and Charles R. Tucker, their associates and successors, being admitted and approved as members of the Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England, according to their usual order and discipline, are hereby incorporated by the name of the Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England, for charitable and benevolent purposes, with all the powers, privileges, and immunities of corporations, and subject to all the duties and liabilities of such corporations under the general statutes of the state.

SECT. 2. Said corporation may hold, for the purposes aforesaid, real and personal estate, by purchase, gift, devise or otherwise, to such an amount that the net income thereof shall not in any one year exceed thirty thousand dollars, and the management of all said property may be committed by said corporation to a clerk or secretary, treasurer, trustees, committee, or other officers or agents thereof.

SECT. 3. This corporation, at any legal meeting thereof after its organization, is hereby fully authorized and empowered by a major vote of its members present at such meeting, to consolidate with the Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England, incorporated by the legislature of Rhode Island, and now in operation in that state, so as to constitute but one corporation, as nearly as may be, with full authority to hold corporate meetings in Rhode Island, as well as in this state, and to transact any corporate business in said state, so as to be binding upon this corporation and all persons interested therein; and this corporation shall hold all its property subject to the same purposes and trusts as are or may be specified in the said Rhode Island charter, provided that real and personal estate held by said corporation shall not be exempt from taxation.

SECT. 4. The Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England, a corporation established by the legislature of Rhode Island, and now in operation in that state, is hereby authorized to hold its annual meetings in the state of Maine from time to time, as they shall see fit, and transact therein any business that may come before them, the same as if such meeting were held in the state of Rhode Island.

SECT. 5. This act shall take effect when approved.

59. And an amendment to the same in 1876, viz. :

AN ACT TO AMEND THE CHARTER OF THE YEARLY MEETING OF
FRIENDS FOR NEW ENGLAND.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in Legislature assembled, as follows :

SECTION 1. The third section of "An Act to incorporate the Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England," passed February seventeenth, in the year eighteen hundred and seventy-five, is hereby amended by striking out the proviso which is in the following words: "Provided, that real and personal estate held by said corporation shall not be exempt from taxation;" and said proviso is hereby repealed.

SECT. 2. This act shall take effect when approved.

These having been read and considered, are accepted by this meeting.

60. The General Assembly of the State of Rhode Island, in the year 1875, also passed an act at the request of the same meeting, as follows :

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND. }
IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY, January Session, A. D. 1875. }

AN ACT IN AMENDMENT OF AN ACT ENTITLED "AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE AND ENABLE THE YEARLY MEETING OF FRIENDS FOR NEW ENGLAND TO RECEIVE, HOLD, MANAGE, APPROPRIATE AND DISPOSE OF PROPERTY FOR CHARITABLE AND BENEVOLENT AND OTHER PURPOSES."

It is enacted by the General Assembly, as follows :

SECTION 1. The corporation known as the Yearly Meeting of Friends in New England is hereby authorized to hold annual meetings, not oftener than once in every two years hereafter, in the State of Maine, for such purposes as the like meetings have heretofore been held in this State, whenever said corporation shall, by the law of Maine, be permitted and authorized to hold such meetings for such purposes in that State; and the election of officers of said corporation, and all votes passed, and all business transacted by said corporation at the meetings that may be so holden in Maine, shall be as valid, binding, and effectual, to all intents and purposes, as though said corporate meetings had been holden in this State.

61. The object being, if way opens for it, to hold alternate annual meetings at Portland, in the State of Maine. All of said proceedings have been recorded on the records of the Representative Meeting.

62. Now, in accordance with the above provisions, it is concluded that when this meeting adjourns it be to meet at Portland, in the State of Maine, next year, provided that our Representative Meeting investigate the subject, and no valid or legal objection appear but what can be surmounted.

If from any cause, however, it becomes necessary to meet at Newport next year, the said Representative Meeting is directed to give ample notice thereof.

63. The article of our Discipline on pages 80 and 81 is to be made to conform to the change of place in holding the Yearly Meeting.

HENRY H. MOSHER FUND.

64. The trustees of the Henry H. Mosher fund have presented their report, which is as follows :

6 MO. 13TH, 1876.

TO THE YEARLY MEETING :

The trustees to the fund of Henry H. Mosher make the following report, viz. :

1876, 2 mo. 9th.	Received of Edmund Titus,	\$11,500.00
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1876.

2 mo. 9th.	To ten gold bonds of the city of Boston, \$1,000 each,	
	costing 110 $\frac{5}{8}$,	\$11,062.50
	Interest from 10 mo. 1st, 1875, to 2 mo. 9th,	177.78
	Deposited in New Bedford Savings Bank,	259.72

\$11,500.00

1876, 4 mo. 1st.	Interest for six mos., at rate of 5 per cent., gold,	\$281.56
	Less interest paid from 10 mo. 1 to 2 mo. 9,	177.78

Income on hand, to be expended by the Yearly Meeting according to the intent of donor,	\$103.78
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Funds consist as follows : 10 gold bonds of city of Boston, \$1,000

each, registered, and due 1905; \$437.50 in New Bedford Savings Bank.

On behalf of the trustees.

EDW. W. HOWLAND.

CHAS. F. COFFIN.

This was read, and is satisfactory to the meeting; and we refer the disposition of the income to a committee, which may be named by Albert K. Smiley, John Paige, Matthew Howland, Obadiah Chase, and Richard Battey, united with a similar committee appointed by women Friends, who are to present the names agreed upon to a future session of this meeting, they to disburse the income arising from said fund in accordance with the will.

YEARLY MEETING'S COMMITTEE.

65. The committee charged with that duty presented the following names to constitute a committee to labor within our Yearly Meeting, especially by visiting our small meetings and individuals, as way opens in the truth, for the promotion of the cause of our blessed Redeemer, as set forth in a previous minute.

Names of Committee.—Eli Jones, Thomas B. Buffum, Benjamin H. Jones, Lydia Haight, Anna G. Wood, Anabella E. Winn, Charles M. Jones, Matthew Howland, Harriet N. Jones, Hannah J. Bailey, S. Narcissa Jacob, William P. Macomber, Phebe S. Gifford, Esther Jones, Harriet D. Collins, Jane C. Minot, Joseph E. Macomber, J. William Jacob, John F. Tucker, James P. Boyce, William Thompson, Martha E. Pratt, Sarah W. Goddard, Susan T. Tompson, I. Warren Hawkes, Henry T. Wood.

Adjourned to 3 o'clock to-morrow afternoon:

6th mo. 15th — 3 P. M. — Friends again in session.

66. Our late beloved friend, David Buffum, deceased, did by will give to this Yearly Meeting ten shares of the capital stock in the Manufacturers' National Bank of Providence, R.

I., the par value being \$1,000, the income arising therefrom to be used in the schooling of Friends' children in New England.

67. The treasurer of the school fund received, soon after the death of our dear friend, from the executor of his will, a transfer of the above ten shares of stock, and placed the same with the other charitable funds held for the same object.

68. The trust hereby created is accepted by this meeting, and all the doings up to the present time, being just and proper, are hereby ratified and confirmed.

INDIAN REPORT.

69. The joint committee set apart to promote the concern of this meeting on behalf of the Indians located west of the Mississippi river, have presented the following report :

TO THE YEARLY MEETING :

The Associated Executive Committee have held two meetings during the past year. One at Indianapolis convened 10th mo. 27th, 1875, at which seven out of ten Yearly Meetings were represented. Eight sessions were held, and much important business transacted in harmony and love. The other met at Baltimore, 4th mo. 12th, 1876. At this there were delegates from nine Yearly Meetings in attendance. Interesting reports were received from various committees and the general agent.

The superintendent of the Central Superintendency, Enoch Hoag, who has so faithfully served Government and Friends through seven years of trial and experiment, has resigned his position, and our general agent, Dr. William Nicholson, has been appointed and confirmed in his place. He, like his predecessor, has the confidence of the Interior Department, and aside from the loss we sustain in being left without a general agent, this appointment seems highly fitting.

From the minutes of the Washington committee presented at Baltimore in fourth month, we make the following extract.

A letter from Enoch Hoag was read, resigning his office of Superintendent of Indian Affairs for the Central Superintendency.

The committee fully appreciate the great amount of faithful and wisely planned labor for the benefit of the Indians under the care of Superintendent Hoag, which, during his administration, has been devised and carried

into effect by him, and which has reached to almost every need of his charge. We recognize his firmness in the protection of their rights; his success and skill in securing for them proper legislation; his hopefulness and perseverance under perplexities and discouragements; and the marked advance which has taken place among the tribes of the superintendency generally, in industrial, literary, and Christian education.

In accordance with the powers understood to be granted to this committee by the Associated Executive Committee, it accepts the resignation, with the feeling that Superintendent Hoag bears with him into his retirement a high estimate of his services from all members of the Society of Friends at all familiar with them, and the reward of a consciousness that amid great difficulties he has upheld the cause of the weak and ignorant, and has been enabled to show forth the spirit of Him who humbled himself to lift and save the needy.

Isaac T. Gibson, agent of the Osages, has resigned his position, retiring with the fullest confidence of the President, the Secretary of the Interior; and the associated executive committee. He has with untiring faithfulness performed a very great work in settling his people on a new location in the Indian Territory. Cyrus Beede, who has acted as first clerk for Superintendent Hoag, a man highly respected by the red men, has been appointed and confirmed in his place, which at the present time is one of great responsibility.

On account of the impaired health of his wife, Jonathan Richards has felt it his duty to retire from the Wichita agency.

In accepting the resignation of Agent Richards, the committee desire to record their high estimate of the unvarying diligence, faithfulness, excellent judgment, and marked success with which he has conducted the affairs of his agency. Also of the manner in which he has, through grace, adorned the doctrine of our blessed Redeemer, and upheld the character of a faithful follower of the Prince of Peace.

Andrew C. Williams has been appointed to fill his place.

Dr. Nicholson, as general agent, reported in tenth month last that he had in the last six months visited the agencies for Indians in Kansas *twice*, and those for the Cheyenne and Arapahoe, the Wichita, the Kiowa and Comanche, and the Sac and Fox agencies *once*.

Visits from members of the committee to the different agencies have been shown to be a comfort and encouragement to the laborers there, as well as productive of good in their influence on the red man. Our dear deceased friend Thomas Wistar made one of these visits about a year since, in company with our friend James E. Rhoads. As evi-

dence of his qualification for such work, we insert the following minute, made by the executive committee :

In the removal of our friend Thomas Wistar, the committee felt that they had lost a wise counsellor, whose experience for fifty years in Indian affairs had been large and well garnered. His natural endowments fitted him to deal with and impress Indians, and he was endued with special grace to love them with singular tenderness and steadfastness, yet with discrimination. In this love he told them the truth with plainness, and bound them to him with cords of responsive affection. He spared neither time, expense, nor toll, to advance their welfare, doing all with untiring zeal. He wept over their wrongs, their ignorance, and slowness to accept the good set before them, yet emotion but prompted effort for their help.

He had a faith in the Lord Jesus, whereby he overcame the world : a faith which embraced him in all his offices, but especially as he is the true light, which lighteth every man who comes into the world, and is to the believer "Christ in us the hope of glory," dealing with the very thoughts of the heart and springs of action, and by the monitions of the Spirit showing the path of duty and service. He was equally prompt to do what he thought his Lord desired he should do, as to leave undone what he forbade. Although distrustful of his own heart in the sight of the All-searching Father of spirits, within a few months of his decease he twice referred to his apprehension that the end of life was near, and said that the prospect beyond was very pleasant. We desire to follow him as he followed Christ.

The general peaceful condition of the Indians in the Central superintendency the past year is in marked contrast with that of 1874, and we believe there is cause for encouragement. The reports from the Commissioner of Indian Affairs, from the President's commission, from the superintendent of the Central Superintendency, and from all the agents, agree in their language touching the improvement in Christianization and civilization.

The following extracts from the annual report of the Board of Indian Commissioners for the year 1875, to the President, will give a fair idea of the comparative general progress made towards civilizing Indian people within the Central Superintendency, during a period of seven years.

"The only hope of saving this remnant of a noble race lies in their education, civilization, and Christianization. During the last seven years, under many difficulties of administration, there has been a set purpose to improve their condition, which has borne good fruit, and has succeeded beyond any reasonable expectation, as can be established by indubitable evidence."

"An interesting illustration of the progress of the Indians in habits of industry, education, and religious and moral ideas, is furnished by the statistics bearing upon these and related subjects which have been collected by the board, and a random selection from them will afford a view of the

comparative condition of the Indians in several years, and of the advance that has been made by them generally in intelligence and self-support. For instance: The Indians of the Central Superintendency in Kansas comprise portions of the Kickapoos, Pottawatomies, Kaws, Osages, Quapaws, Peorias, Ottawas, Wyandotts, Senecas, Sacs and Foxes, Absentee Shawnees, Cheyennes, Arapahoes, Wichitas, Kiowas, and Comanches, in all aggregating about 16,000. In 1868 these Indians had only 5 schools, with 105 pupils, and in 1875 there were 15 schools, with 836 pupils. In 1868 there were no Sabbath schools among them; in 1875 there were 13. In 1868 they cultivated 3,220 acres, against 14,499 acres in 1875. In 1868 they raised 31,700 bushels of corn, 633 bushels of wheat, 750 tons of hay, and no oats so far as reported. In 1875 they raised 320,500 bushels of corn, 28,032 bushels of wheat, 4,996 tons of hay, and 5,930 bushels of oats. Of potatoes and other vegetables they raised 8,770 bushels in 1868, against 29,102 bushels in 1875; and their horses and mules had increased from 17,924 to 25,921, their cattle from 640 to 6,580, and their hogs from 1,074 to 12,268 in the same period. Another exceedingly interesting fact, as indicating their emergence from savage and nomadic to civilized and settled life, is to be found in the circumstance that while in 1868 there were no houses reported as *occupied and owned* by these Indians, in 1875 they owned and occupied 1,042."

The Cherokees, Choctaws, Creeks, Chickasaws, and Seminoles, are embraced within the Central Superintendency, but are not referred to in the foregoing reports. They number about 54,650, and are entirely self-supporting. They sustain with their own funds 169 schools, some of which are of high grade, and show an enrollment of 4,406 pupils. They own nearly 150 church buildings, and probably as large per centum of their number are professors of religion and church members as will be found among their neighbors in the adjoining states; and their laws, courts, and system of government, are about of the same grade.

When we take into account that five years since most of our Indians were just placed on new lands, or were about to be removed to such, in the territory, it becomes cause of admiration that so much has been accomplished.

Many changes have taken place in the important offices of the Interior Department. We find that during eight years there have been four different Secretaries of the Interior, and five Indian Commissioners. Too many changes are likely to operate against rapid and steady progress.

By a letter received from Superintendent Nicholson, we are informed that the Commissioner has directed that the agency for captive Indians near Baxter Springs shall be closed; also that the Pawnee agency shall be transferred from the Northern to the Central superintendency, and that it is likely that the Northern superintendency will be discontinued at the close of this fiscal year.

The following report on the religious interests of the Indians is taken from the minutes of the executive committee.

The Committee on "Religious Interests" submit the following report:

In reply to a series of questions addressed to the agents, we gather the following facts:

1. Meetings for worship on First-day morning are kept up regularly at the following places in the different agencies.

Pottawatomie Mission, }
Kickapoo " } Kansas. W. H. Newlin, Agent.

Quapaw and Modoc Mission, }
Seneca, Shawnee, and Wyandotte Mission, } H. W. Jones, Agent.
Ottawa Mission, }

Sac and Fox Agency. Levi Woodard, Agent.

Cheyenne and Arapahoe Agency. John D. Miles, Agent.

Osage and Kaw Agency. Cyrus Beede, Agent.

Kiowa and Comanche Agency. James M. Haworth, Agent.

Wichita Agency. A. C. Williams, Agent.

The meetings are attended by the agents and their families, *most* of the employees, *some* traders and their clerks, the Indian school children, and *some* adult Indians. The following numbers are given:

Pottawatomie meeting, 45 persons.

Kickapoo meeting, attendance greater than the above, including some white neighbors.

Sac and Fox meeting, 70 persons, including 6 to 10 adult Indians.

Cheyenne and Arapahoe meeting, 86 persons, including 10 adult Indians and 56 Indian children.

Osage and Kaw meeting, 130 persons, including some adult Indians and the school children.

Kiowa and Comanche meeting, number not given; the school children and *a number* of adult Indians attend.

Wichita meeting, 45 persons.

A meeting on First-day evening is also held at nearly or quite all the foregoing places for "select reading and devotional exercises." At the Cheyenne and Arapahoe agency, an average of 20 officers and soldiers are reported as attending the evening meeting.

2. Prayer or Devotional Meetings are held in addition to the above, at the following places.

At the Pottawatomie and Kickapoo Missions, *every evening*, attended by about 45 each.

At the Wyandotte Mission, a meeting conducted by the Methodists, once a month. Also a "prayer meeting and preaching," by the Baptists, once a month.

At the Sac and Fox Agency, every 4th day evening, attendance about 70.

At the Cheyenne and Arapahoe Agency, every 4th day evening.

3. First-day schools are maintained at the following places.

At the Pottawatomie Mission, 40 scholars enrolled.

At the Kickapoo Mission,	48 scholars enrolled.
“ Seneca, Shawnee, and Wyandotte Mission,	75 “ “
“ Quapaw and Modoc	“ 60 “ “
“ Ottawa	“ 40 “ “
“ Sac and Fox	“ 65 “ “
“ Cheyenne and Arapahoe	“ 56 Indian children and 20 white employees.
“ Osage and Kaw	“ 130 Indian children, employees, traders, and clerks.
“ Kiowa and Comanche	“ 73 Indian children.
“ Wichita	“ 30 Indian children, and a few employees.
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The exercises in these schools consist generally of singing, devotional praise, vocal prayer, bible lessons, &c.

4. Friends at all the agencies are reported as *nearly all* having daily devotional exercises in their families, which are sometimes attended by neighboring Indians.

5. Religious instruction is given daily in *all* the schools, consisting of Scripture reading, Bible lessons, repeating texts, singing, prayer, and reading religious tracts, varied according to the judgment of those having them in charge.

6. All the agents report a marked advance in the way of Christianizing the Indians under their charge.

We submit herewith the reports of the agents, containing some interesting facts not included in the above summary.

At the meeting of the executive committee held at Baltimore, the following memorial was drawn up to be presented to Congress.

To the Senate and House of Representatives in Congress assembled :

The Memorial of the “Associated Executive Committee of Friends on Indian Affairs,” representing ten Yearly Meetings of the Society of Friends, residing in twenty-one states, respectfully represent: That they have learned with great regret that a Bill is pending before your honorable bodies to transfer the management of Indian Affairs to the War Department, for the following reasons :

1. Because our experience for the past seven years has convinced us that the present policy has resulted in a large aggregate of benefit to the Indians.

2. Because of the diminished number and unimportant character of the Indian insurrections during this period.

3. Because of the demoralizing influence of soldiers stationed among Indians.

4. Because a very small part of the Indians are hostile, and it is a special injustice to peaceable men to place them under military control.

5. Such transfer would indicate a want of confidence on the part of our nation in the civil administration of government.

Instead of the course proposed in this Bill, we advocate :

1. The perfecting of the present system of civil management.
2. To extend civil law, by wise legislation, over all reservations, in such simple forms as may be adapted to the varying needs of the Indian communities.
3. To provide courts for the prompt administration of justice upon reservations, and also an adequate police force for the arrest and control of offenders.

Signed by direction and on behalf of the "Associated Executive Committee of Friends on Indian Affairs," held in Baltimore, the 12th and 13th of the fourth month, 1876.

JOHN BUTLER.	EVAN L. JOHNSON.
EDWARD EARLE.	FRANCIS T. KING.
EDWARD W. HOWLAND.	JAMES E. RHOADS.
BARNABAS C. HOBBS.	BENJAMIN TATHAM.

But the vote recently taken in the House of Representatives indicates that that body is in favor of the transfer. We still have hope that the Senate will not concur in such a retrograde measure. Should it do so, we shall be seriously embarrassed in our work for Indians, if not obliged to give it up entirely.

At the session of the executive committee held in Baltimore 4th mo. 12th, the financial committee reported that it would be necessary to raise \$4,500, to be apportioned among the several Yearly Meetings. (The proportion of New England Yearly Meeting is \$720.)

The duty more especially devolved upon us by the Associated Executive Committee, of aiding and fostering the Mission and schools sustained within the limits of the Quapaw agency, has been our continued care during the year. The two schools assigned to us, viz., the Mission school, composed mainly of children of the Quapaw and Modoc tribes, and the small Peoria day-school, have been continued as heretofore. The number enrolled in the former school has been 66, and the average attendance 56. Of the success of the school, and the advancement of the children in their studies, we have continued to receive encouraging assurances. Emmeline Tuttle, the teacher at the Mission, writes: "We think their interest and progress quite as good as at any time previous." Among the more advanced children, twenty are now reported as engaged in mental arithmetic, eight in geography, and nine in history. Agent Jones says, "The schools in this agency are in a very satisfactory condition."

When the disadvantages of a strange language are considered, and

that their commencement must be at the foot of the scale, not only of letters but of civilization, the progress of many of the pupils is surprising.

Although the older children have left the school before anything like great scholarship has been attained, we have abundant evidence that the influence of the Mission, morally and mentally, has been highly beneficial to its inmates.

Emmeline Tuttle also writes, "The girls are divided into classes for work the same as for study, and change their duties each week. They are becoming very serviceable, can do most kinds of housework, knit and sew, and they are called upon whenever we can make them useful."

The boys are also quite useful in the conduct of the farm, and are glad to be employed in the garden work, in ploughing, weeding, or in harvest. While circumstances have rendered it advisable to rent the larger portion of the 160 acres of land belonging to the Mission the present year, there is still much to be done in the cultivation of the two acres of garden vegetables, twenty acres of wheat, with a considerable area of oats, corn, and clover. Thus the production of the needed supplies of vegetables, pork, butter and milk, for the large family, is made the means of employment and instruction in the highest degree essential to the development and civilization of these untutored objects of our care.

With respect to the religious character of our charge, we have much to encourage us. Emmeline Tuttle says, "Our First-day school and meetings are full of interest, although at present we do not have as many (visitors) outside of the school as formerly, from the fact that four of the most prominent ones have died, and a number of the others have gone to the Osages."

At another time she writes, "We have had some precious meetings lately. Two Modoc men were here last First-day evening, one of whom could not speak English. After I had spoken to the children a few moments he seemed touched, and said he wanted that interpreted. One of the girls acted as interpreter. When she had finished he said he liked that talk, and wanted the children to remember it. He spoke with much feeling, and added, 'When we are in camp everything is dark, but here to-night it seems just like the sun rising.'"

Again, under date of 12 mo. 22, she says, "One of our Quapaw men died a few days ago. He had been a constant attender of our meetings for several months, but did not understand English at all, so

that all the information he obtained must go through an interpreter. When he came to die he said he had believed the gospel and accepted it, and now Jesus was ready to take care of him, and his heart was very glad."

E. Tuttle writes, 5 mo. 20, "The religious interest does not wane. Many interesting incidents have recently occurred to show that the children are growing in grace and in the knowledge of God."

Sickness has prevailed to an unusual extent in this agency during the year, and the condition of some of the adults, as well as of the children, has drawn largely upon the care and sympathy of our friends Asa and Emmeline Tuttle. Four children have at different times been taken ill at the Mission, and after having been removed to the camp have died there. Another case was that of one of the most promising Modoc boys, who grew suddenly ill with fever, but preferred remaining at the Mission, and only lived six days. A devoted little Christian, his religious and intellectual development had been marked and rapid. His greatest trouble was the thought that one day he would have to return to camp and live as Indians do. "But," writes E. Tuttle, "the Lord took him to a better country, where he will forever bask in the sunshine of eternal blessedness. The giving up of this dear child was a trial to us of no ordinary kind, as we had expected much from him, and he had promised much."

The object of the committee in giving this account is to show the opportunity, which seemed providential, of commending to these Indians the practice of Christian burial in contrast to their own custom. It had been their practice, upon the death of one of their number, to wrap the body hastily in a blanket, and, almost immediately, to burn the corpse, amid the loud wailing and lamentation of the relatives and friends.

In this case the mother of the boy was sent for, but she did not reach the Mission until shortly before the death of her son. "The child," writes E. Tuttle, "could not recognize her, and never spoke afterwards. Her grief was such as a devoted mother only can feel. She told me, through an interpreter, of her dream just before; that the Great Spirit had come to her in the night and told her the child would die, and now she so much wanted to hear him say that he *felt* good. I made her understand that he had said that many times, and that he would soon be with Jesus in heaven, where he would never be sick or hungry any more, but would be forever happy. She said she believed that, and wanted to be good herself, so as to meet him there,

but she felt so sorry in her heart that she could not help crying. When we saw that the boy was dying, she took him in her arms and held him until he was gone, when her grief almost overcame her. After the first outburst had a little subsided, I asked her to give the little body up to me and let me take care of it, just as if it was my own little boy. This she was willing to do. Several of the larger children remained in the room and saw me close his eyes, wash his face, and comb his hair. We dressed him neatly, and placed him in a coffin. He was doubtless the first Modoc that was ever buried in that way. Then we took the corpse and accompanied the mother to the camp. The Indians saw us coming, and started at once towards the spot selected for the burial place. As we neared them we could hear lamentation and weeping, and mourning in every direction. Some fell prostrate with their faces to the ground, and wept bitterly. The child was nephew to the head chief, who is also interpreter. We placed the coffin on the ground, and after waiting a few moments told the chief that if the people would become still I would tell them about the little boy. He soon quieted them, for they all wanted to hear the story. First, the agent's son-in-law gave an account of the way the boy had been cared for. I then told them that I loved that child, and that I had cried all day in my heart because I could not see him any more in this world. I gave the particulars of his sickness and death; that while he had lived he had loved the Lord and was prepared for heaven, and I wanted them to live so that they might one day meet him there; that Jesus was able to save them, even the poor Modocs, who had passed through so many trials. When this was interpreted they all bowed their assent, and then the chief replied very pertinently, saying they were all satisfied that we had done the best we could. The coffin was then opened, and they thought he looked *good*. Then the chief shook hands with him, and he was lowered to his final resting-place." "I think it was right," added she, "that he should die here, that the Indians might learn how to bury their dead."

And thus amid many vicissitudes do our faithful and devoted agents perform their varied and important duties. We cannot recompense them, but at the resurrection of the just their recompense is sure.

What may be the future of these people as respects the care and aid of the general government we cannot tell, but may we remember them for good, and help them as we have opportunity.

In conclusion, the committee desire that the Yearly Meeting may not lose sight of the responsibility which rests upon it in conducting

this work, and their prayer is that each member may seriously consider his own position and duty respecting it, and see that no condemnation may come upon us from neglect of it.

For the committee.

EDWARD W. HOWLAND.

EDWARD EARLE.

COMMITTEE OF N. E. YEARLY MEETING ON ACCOUNT OF INDIANS WEST OF
THE MISSISSIPPI, IN ACCOUNT WITH GEO. HOWLAND, JR., TREASURER :

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1875, 7 mo.	To balance from treasurer of last year,	\$1.31
	To amt. recd. from Smithfield,	67.60
	“ “ Sandwich,	168.64
	“ “ Winthrop Preparative Meeting,	24.19
	“ “ St. Albans “ “	1.44
	“ “ Swanzey,	10.00
	“ “ Litchfield Preparative Meeting,	5.18
	“ “ Salem Monthly Meeting,	117.60
	“ “ Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting,	184.00
	“ “ Weare Monthly Meeting,	25.00
	To balance due the treasurer,	75.01
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1875, 11 mo. 24.	By paid J. B. Baylies, bill,	\$57.40
	“ E. Packard, bill,	77.00
	“ M. C. Swift, bill,	28.00
	“ Doane & Co., bill,	8.20
	“ Edward Haskell, bill,	.87
1876, 2 mo. 23.	“ G. M. Eddy & Co., bill,	186.99
	“ P. Devoll & Son, bill,	104.10
3 mo. 8th.	“ G. M. Eddy & Co., bill,	93.54
	By sent A. C. Tuttle, to pay bill,	30.00
5 mo. 1st.	By paid P. Devoll & Son, bill,	24.50
	“ M. C. Swift, bill,	8.00
	“ G. M. Eddy & Co., bill,	10.50
	“ Henry T. Wood, bill,	10.40
6 mo.	“ C. D. Milliken, bill,	20.47
	By sent A. C. Tuttle, to pay bill,	20.00
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		\$679.97

Errors excepted.

GEO. HOWLAND, JR., Treasurer of Committee.

NEWPORT, 6 mo. 14th, 1876.

The reading of the report introduced the meeting into, and awakened a renewed interest for the promotion and advancement of our brothers in the West.

The report was acceptable and is satisfactory, and we continue the committee on that service; and they are encouraged to use every opening for their advancement in spiritual and temporal things. The treasurer is directed to place at the disposal of the committee \$800.

Names of Committee. — Joseph Cartland, Joseph E. Macomber, Sarah F. Tobey, Charles F. Coffin, Moses Sawyer, Ann Maria Coffin, Hannah B. Sawyer, Edward W. Howland, Henry T. Wood, Phebe Slocum, Rebecca Ewer, Freeman Andrews, Charles A. Nichols, Jane C. Minott, Myra E. Frye, Edward Earle, Richard Battey, Ann B. Earle, Abby S. Battey, John D. Lang, Charles B. Cates, Margaret B. Cates, Louisa L. Osborn, Amos D. Purinton, Timothy B. Hussey, Anna M. Hussey, Maria Purinton, Moses Bailey, Isaac W. Hawkes, Hannah J. Bailey, Lavinia Briggs, Eli Jones, Thomas B. Buffum, Thomas J. Battey, Rebecca H. Smiley, Charles M. Bailey, Sarah Marble, Timothy K. Earle, Lydia Haight, Mary C. Baylies, George Howland, Jr., John H. Crosman, David Kelley, Susan T. Thompson, Cynthia J. Earle, Anna G. Wood, and Thomas Wood.

STATE OF SOCIETY.

70. The committee appointed for that service have produced the following interesting minute, which was read, and direction was given that it be recorded.

Christian love and Christian fellowship were particularly dwelt upon, as distinguished from mere natural love and the fellowship of the world. Christian love springs from the life and love of Christ in the soul, and while it embraces the world, seeking the salvation of all, it binds together in one body those only who are subject to him as the Head. Our Lord said to his disciples, "Ye are my friends if ye do whatsoever I command you." And again, "This is my commandment, that ye love one another *as I have loved you.*" His love to us has been shown by his *sympathy*. When his followers were weary and pressed

after by the multitudes, "he called them apart to rest a while." We might sometimes do more by doing less. In retiring *apart with the Lord*, refreshment and renewal are found for the work given us to do.

Christ's love to us has also been shown by *sacrifice*, in enduring and suffering for our sakes. So should we be willing to spend and be spent, and to give up for one another what may be given up without compromise of the truth. In the spirit of sacrifice for others, without self-seeking or self-pleasing, the Christian may be enabled to "run through a troop" of opposition, and to "leap over a wall" of separation.

Again, the Master's love has been shown by his *confidence* in his followers, having compassion on their weakness, and gathering and trusting them again after they had been overborne by temptation's tide and scattered from him. So has Christ loved us, and so should we love one another. So has he *shown* his love, and so should we *show* ours for one another, by sympathy and sacrifice and confidence. And in his spirit we cannot feel indifference towards any. We can love the sinner while hating the sin.

With such love in our hearts to Christ and to our fellow-believers and our fellow-men, we should go to our religious meetings, not only with a *willingness*, but with a *desire* to be employed in the use of our Lord's gifts. We are exhorted by an apostle to "follow after charity and to desire spiritual gifts," but rather that we may prophecy. Assembling thus with hearts prepared and devoted, relying upon the Lord's putting forth by his Spirit, we believe he will grant fruitfulness and blessing to our meetings, inspiring ministry that shall be to edification and prayer with and for one another, and praise from humble and grateful worshippers.

The work of the ministry was referred to as a patient, ox-like service, uncomplaining, without haste, without release, refusing not the call of the Master to labor in any field. It was an unremitting and laborious ministry that was instrumental in the gathering of this Society from all classes of the people. They who are called to be "fishers of men" must learn the art, as well as receive the power to win souls. The means and methods of Christian working must be adapted to the end sought. But in this work, which is the Lord's, we are not left to mere human wisdom and judgment, and we cannot too often recur to our most distinguishing doctrine that Christ is head over all to his church, to direct in all these things. And let us ever remember

that among the first essentials of a living church are sound doctrine and holiness of life.

Impressive has been the appeal that we make this examination into the state of our Society a very personal and very searching one, by an individual inquiry as to our own spiritual condition. Some may be lamenting the state of the church who have more need to lament their own state. Let the desire to see a better day for the church arouse us to do each our part, and to live the "life that answers life's great end."

The Saviour's own queries have been brought home to us, asking of some individually, "Have I been so long time with you, and yet hast thou not known me?" and of others, "Lovest thou me?" And not a few (it may be) have been addressed by his inquiry, "Are ye able to drink of the cup that I drink of?" The vessels of honor in the Lord's house which are prepared unto every good work, must first be molded by his hand, and then pass through the fire. There is a service of suffering for the Lord's children to fill up, and "judgment must begin at the house of God."

Parents were encouraged to faithfulness in the discharge of a responsibility which they cannot lay off upon others. Before they can lead the children in the right way, they must know it themselves. Let the children be early impressed with the need of a new heart, and of prayer for it. They often feel this when very young, through the witness of the Holy Spirit. When parents have done their part in teaching them they may commit their children to him who is mighty to save, as they go out, first to school and then into the world, trusting that he will not fail to care for them, and that he will not suffer them to be tempted beyond what he will enable them to bear.

REPRESENTATIVE MEETING.

71. The representatives from our Quarterly Meetings propose the names of the following Friends to constitute a Representative Meeting for the ensuing year. The names thus brought forward are approved by this and also the Women's Meeting.

Names.—Thomas Harkness, George Bowen, Gertrude W. Cartland, Anna T. Dennis, William O. Newhall, Charles F. Coffin, Abigail M. Hanson, Hannah B. Sawyer, George Howland, Jr., Charles R. Tucker, Rebecca C. Grinnell, Susan T. Thompson, George Douglass, Augustus F. Cox, S. Jane

Cox, Elizabeth A. Douglass, Richard Battey, Ann B. Earle, Ann K. Colton, Thomas B. Nichols, Eli Jones, Mary C. Jones, Sarah W. Goddard, Jacob K. Purinton, Samuel Buffum, Elmira B. Buffum, Lydia E. Jenkins, Moses Bailey, Reuben T. Jones, Phebe P. Jones, Hannah J. Bailey, Perez Peck, George Richardson, Edward W. Howland, Augustine Jones, Thomas A. Wheeler, William C. Taber, Benjamin Buffum, Samuel R. Buffinton, Matthew Howland, Edward Earle, Ebenezer Frye, Joseph Cartland, Henry T. Wood, Lemuel Jones, Moses Sawyer, Stephen Jones, Thomas Folsom.

H. H. MOSHER FUND.

72. The following Friends are appointed to disburse the income from the H. H. Mosher fund: Henry T. Wood, Samuel R. Buffinton, J. Ellwood Paige, Rebecca H. Smiley, Gertrude W. Cartland, and Phebe S. Gifford.

FREEDMEN.

73. The Friends set apart on the concern of this meeting on behalf of the freed people, who for a long time have claimed our earnest solicitation, present the following annual report.

TO THE YEARLY MEETING:

The committee in charge of the fund for freed people report that the agreement entered into last year with Indiana Yearly Meeting has been carried into effect. We have furnished the funds for the support of the Maryville Normal Institute in East Tennessee, and they have given us a written agreement which will entitle this Yearly Meeting to a deed of the property at the expiration of three years, if the meeting so desire, in accordance with the minute of our last Yearly Meeting. The agreement is herewith committed, and may be read if the meeting wish it.

No member of the committee appointed last year has been able to visit the Institute, which we much regret, therefore our knowledge of its condition is not as full as we could wish, only such as we have ob-

tained from the corresponding secretary of Indiana Yearly Meeting. At the opening of the school in 9th month, the report was as follows :

Whole number of scholars enrolled,	69
Average attendance,	43
Number of teachers in normal class,	12
Boarding in the building,	2
Cost of board to students,	\$2 per week.
Number in primary chart,	16
Reading from book,	53
Oral spelling,	42
Written and oral spelling combined,	27
Oral arithmetic,	21
Robinson's rudiments,	10
Practical arithmetic,	12
Mental arithmetic,	22
Elements algebra,	2
Holbrook's English grammar,	6
Training lessons in English grammar,	20
Von Steinroch's eclectic geography, No. 1,	9
" " " No. 2,	7
Penmanship,	24

As the school commences in ninth month, and the annual report is made to Indiana Yearly Meeting, we cannot have a full report for this year until that time. The report for tenth month gives the whole number as 70, average 50, normal class 15 ; an increase over the previous month. It is also stated in that report that several of the normal class had become members of the Society of Friends, and that 12 students are teaching schools in Tennessee, Georgia, and Virginia.

Interest has also been kept up in the girls attending Howard University, and a little money has been bestowed there.

EDW. W. HOWLAND, Chairman.

NEWPORT, 6th mo. 13, 1876.

EDW. W. HOWLAND, CHAIRMAN, TO THE FREEDMAN'S FUND IN ACCOUNT :

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1875, 6 mo. 10th. Balance on hand, \$4,283.00

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1876, 6 mo. 13.	Paid Joseph Dickenson, for the Maryville School in Tennessee,	\$1,207.42
	Paid towards one girl in the Normal school at Washington,	30.00
	Balance on hand,	3,045.58

Errors excepted.

\$4,283.00

EDW. W. HOWLAND, Chairman.

Which is accepted by this meeting, and all their doings are approved, and again we commit this concern to the same committee for the ensuing year, and desire to express to them words of encouragement.

Names of Committee.—Edward W. Howland, Benjamin Buffum, Ellen K. Buffum, Edward Earle, Ann B. Earle, and Susan Taber Thompson.

STOCK.

74. The representatives have proposed the following apportionment of stock among our Quarterly Meetings, to wit: Rhode Island, 23 per cent.; Salem, 17 per cent.; Sandwich, 35 per cent.; Falmouth, 4 per cent.; Smithfield, 5 per cent.; Vassalborough, 5 per cent.; Dover, 4 per cent.; Fairfield, 7 per cent. Which is approved by the meeting.

TREASURY.

75. The committee appointed to audit and settle the treasurer's account, and for other purposes, as set forth in the minute of appointment, submit the following report.

TO THE YEARLY MEETING:

The committee appointed to examine and settle the treasurer's account, to propose a sum to be raised for the ensuing year, and to nominate a Friend for treasurer, and another for treasurer of the Boarding School Fund, have attended to their appointment, and report as follows, viz.:

RECEIPTS.

Cash balance on hand, as per last report,	\$2,814.75
Received from the several Quarterly Meetings, (Vassalborough Quarter being short of its quota \$68,)	3,432.00
Interest on Boston city bonds,	300.00
Principal of Boston city bonds, matured,	10,000.00
Interest on railroad bonds,	48.00
Dividends on Eagle bank stock, Providence,	150.00
Books of Discipline sold,	10.50
Interest on note of Matthew Howland,	250.00
Proceeds of sale of house in Woonsocket, from estate of Luke Aldrich,	4,000.00
Thomas Harkness, proceeds of land taken by city of Providence for streets, &c.,	28,000.50
Proceeds of treasurer's note discounted,	982.92
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	\$49,988.67

PAYMENTS.

Travelling expenses of Friends from the Eastern Quarterly Meetings in attendance at Yearly Meeting,	\$376.00
Sundry expenses at Newport 6th mo., 1875,	650.76
Legal expenses,	511.30
Rent of Wesleyan Hall, Boston,	450.00
Recording Minutes and Epistles,	89.40
Printing and binding,	446.80
Postage and express,	18.69
Cushions in women's room,	965.92
Expenses of Eli Jones to Syria and return,	625.46
Associated Executive Indian Committee,	510.00
Committee on Penobscot and Passamaquoddy Indians,	42.50
Committee to visit Friends in Nova Scotia, &c.,	137.06
Committee on Secular Education,	430.00
Committee on Temperance,	251.32
Treasurer's note paid,	1,000.00
Treasurer's notes on boarding school account,	15,061.89
“ “ “ “	7,000.00
Interest “ “	97.97
City of Providence “ “	537.96
Sundries “ “	490.70
Cash balance now on hand,	20,294.94
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	\$49,988.67

Of this cash balance (\$20,294.94,) \$10,000 belongs to the Boston Meeting-house fund, which we recommend be safely invested and held as a separate fund; \$4,000 is the amount received to date of the legacy from the estate of Luke Aldrich, which we recommend be paid to the treasurer of the Boarding School Fund; also the unexpended part (\$4,811.98) of the proceeds of land taken by the city of Providence; leaving a balance of \$1,482.96 available for general expenses of the Yearly Meeting.

The expenditures are all properly vouched for. The indebtedness of the Yearly Meeting has all been paid off, as above stated.

We propose that the sum of \$3,000 be raised for the use of the meeting the ensuing year, that George Howland, Jr., be appointed treasurer of the Yearly Meeting, and Thomas Harkness treasurer of the Boarding School Fund.

For the committee.

OWEN DAME.

NEWPORT, 6 mo. 14, 1876.

76. Which was read and approved by the meeting, and George Howland, Jr., is reappointed our treasurer for the ensuing year; and our Quarterly Meetings are directed to forward to him their respective proportions of \$3,000, in accordance with the apportionment agreed upon at this Yearly Meeting, to meet its current expenses for the coming year.

Thomas Harkness is reappointed treasurer of the Boarding School Fund.

77. Charles F. Coffin and Edward W. Howland are appointed to assist the treasurer in investing the sum of \$10,000, as recommended in the report.

PEACE.

78. The committee upon the subject of Peace have submitted the following report, to wit :

TO THE YEARLY MEETING :

The joint committee on the concern of this meeting for the spread of universal peace, report that as in former years efforts have been made to distribute reading matter illustrative of the principles of peace. Persons of thoughtful and reflective minds are found in almost every walk in life, to whom this important subject is not only interesting, but who are ready to give it candid consideration. Beyond this means, however, of endeavoring to strengthen and encourage a peace sentiment in the community, but little has been attempted during the year.

A meeting was held in New Bedford on the 2d instant, called a Mother's Meeting, in the interest of peace, which several of our number attended and helped to make interesting. In some other localities of our country Christian women are now engaged to hold these anniversary meetings, which we hope are instrumental in creating a sound public opinion and sentiment within their respective circles.

The balance of money remaining in our hands at our last report (\$154.74) has not been expended.

On behalf of the committee.

TIMOTHY B. HUSSEY.

SYLVIA G. HOWLAND.

NEWPORT, 6th mo. 15, 1876.

And the care and labor extended by them during the past

year to advance this interesting engagement is satisfactory to this meeting, and we again commit this subject to the care and keeping of the same committee, with the exception of one friend removed out of this Yearly Meeting, with desires that a blessing may be witnessed from time to time, as they go forward in this work.

Names of Committee. — Isaac B. Macomber, Charles A. Chace, Arthur Parker, Francis W. Collins, James H. Earle, George C. Herbert, Samuel O. Nichols, Abraham Huntington, John Fry Tucker, Henry A. Slocum, John A. Macomber, Meltiah Gifford, Nathan T. Shepherd, Lewis M. Douglass, Silas H. Cartland, Henry Robinson, Charles F. Andrews, William C. Munroe, Amiel E. Phelps, Stephen A. Randall, George H. Pope, George W. Moulton, Cyrus Everett Jones, Albert C. Hill, Ira T. Jenkins, Charles F. Hussey, Joseph T. Richardson, Albert W. Pinkham, Isaac Winslow, Mary W. Jones, Joanna Peck, Maria Buffinton, Mercy P. Babcock, Elsie Ann Chace, Mary J. Rogers, Rebecca P. Breed, Mary Hoag, Sarah J. Brown, Angelina Gidley, Hannah R. Gifford, Alice W. Slocum, Elizabeth C. Ewer, Esther Jones, Phebe R. Cartland, Elizabeth P. Nichols, Lydia Ann Cartland, Alice R. Cranston, Ella Clemens, Sarah J. Wheeler, Eliza A. Taber, Juliet Jones, Sarah J. Cole, Lydia E. Sawyer, Almira B. Buffum, Hepsa S. Hoxie, Lucy C. Briggs, and Elma Winslow.

79. The Epistle to London Yearly Meeting was read and approved.

Adjourned to 9 o'clock on Sixth-day morning, the 16th.

SIXTH-DAY — *Morning.* — The Yearly Meeting again assembled.

PENOBSCOT AND PASSAMAQUODDY INDIANS.

80. The committee appointed last year, to whom was committed the long standing concern of this meeting for the improvement of the Penobscot and Passamaquoddy tribes of Indians, have laid before us the following account.

TO THE YEARLY MEETING :

The committee to care for the Penobscot and Passamaquoddy Indians report that both tribes have been visited this year, and full details gleaned of their moral, social, and educational position, being the first direct tidings from the Passamaquoddies during the past 25 years.

The Penobscots are steadily improving in domestic comforts, as well as social and moral position. They are abundantly subsidized by the state, the last grant being nearly \$8,000, with an income of \$1,145 from rents of the shores of their islands, and with \$450 school money annually. Thus the temporal wants of the tribe are amply supplied. Their old town school had a more successful term last year, but would bear improvement. Tribe numbers 420 residents.

The less favored Passamaquoddy tribe, with 516 Indians, have but a total income of \$4,500, or about one half that of the Penobscots, and only \$300 school money. Industry, honesty, and temperance, characterize this interesting tribe. They are a devotional people, and in every way demand the interest of Friends. Their Pleasant Point school is a creditable one; their school at Dana's Point can be raised to a level with the former, and many suggestions made to your committee, if carried out, at a small outlay, coupled with an appeal to the state government of Maine, would aid in raising them through their schools, morally as well as intellectually. It seems desirable to have the efforts of Friends mainly directed to this neglected and interesting tribe. The great depression in their basket trade has been a sad misfortune to them.

The religion of both tribes we cannot successfully intermeddle with. It is overlaid with tradition and ritualism, but Christ Jesus is the firm foundation of their hopes, and they hail him as "God over all." Decided advances in total abstinence mark both tribes, and many of them are strong advocates of that cause.

On behalf of the committee.

GEO. RICHARDSON.
SARAH A. HOLMES.

NEWPORT, 6th mo. 13, 1876.

81. Which being read, was satisfactory and interesting, and the subject is again committed to the same committee, with the addition of Stephen N. Taber, and they are encouraged to use every opening for the advancement of these our eastern friends and brothers.

Names of Committee. — Stephen Jones, John D. Lang, James B. Congdon, Henry T. Wood, Eli Jones, Alfred H. Jones, Timothy Hanson, George Richardson, Josiah Philbrook, Paul Wing, Augustine Jones, Edward Earle, Joseph Briggs, Stephen N. Taber, Hannah J. Bailey, Sarah A. Holmes, Harriet N. Jones, Peace Jones, Martha E. Pratt, Sarah M. Richardson, S. Narcissa Jacob, and Gertrude W. Cartland.

82. Essays of Epistles were now read, addressed to the Yearly Meetings of Ireland, New York, Baltimore, North Carolina, Ohio, Indiana, Western, Iowa, Canada, and Kansas ; the one to London having been read last evening. Also one to the Monthly Meeting at Brumana, on Mt. Lebanon, which includes the little company of Christian believers connected with the Mission sustained by us, in connection with our English friends. The clerk is directed to revise and sign them on our behalf, and forward to those meetings respectively.

83. The clerk is directed to sign on behalf of this meeting the following minute for our friend Rebecca Collins, and similar ones for Phebe Ann Sands, Emily E. Drake, Rachel Binford, Fernando G. Cartland, Daniel Hill, Robert W. Douglass, David Douglass, Elkanah Beard, John P. Pennington, Samira H. Clark, Nathan H. Clark, Barnabas C. Hobbs, and William Wetherald.

Our beloved friend Rebecca Collins attended this meeting ; her company and religious services have been acceptable to us.

84. He is also directed to sign on our behalf the following minute for Amy R. Wilbour, and a similar one for Melissa J. Pennington.

Our beloved friend Amy R. Wilbour attended this meeting ; her company has been acceptable to us.

85. The following communication from Salem Monthly Meeting has been received by us through the Representative Meeting, viz. :

LYNN, 6th mo. 7th, 1876.

TO THE REPRESENTATIVE MEETING :

DEAR FRIENDS, — On behalf of Salem Monthly Meeting, we desire to ask your advice in relation to what the Yearly Meeting has determined shall be our method of procedure in certain matters, viz. :

Is the appointment of treasurer, correspondent, auditors, &c., valid and legal, when made by the men's meeting alone, or does it require the action of the women's meeting in concurrence or otherwise?

Are the signatures of all the overseers of a Monthly Meeting, men and women, necessary to the validity of a deed in conveyance of real estate, &c.?

MOSES F. ROGERS.

JOSEPH S. NICHOLS.

JAMES P. BOYCE.

OWEN DAME.

86. This was read, and after deliberate consideration it was the judgment of Friends that it be referred to our Representative Meeting for the examination of all legal enactments bearing upon the subject, to report to this meeting next year.

87. Our clerk is directed to cause 2100 copies of the minutes of this meeting to be printed and sent down to our Quarterly Meetings in the usual proportions, and William C. Taber is appointed to advise with him in the accomplishment of this work.

88. The attention of this meeting was called to the exposition which is now in progress in Philadelphia, and to the action of the commissioners relative to closing the doors upon the first day of the week. The clerks were requested to present an address to the commissioners, expressive of our approval of their course in this respect, and of our earnest desire that the Christian observance of that day may be continued.

TO THE COMMISSIONERS OF THE CENTENNIAL EXPOSITION AT PHILADELPHIA :

The contemplation of this great exposition calls to mind the exclamation of the psalmist of old : " O Lord, how manifold are thy works ! In wisdom hast thou made them all ; the earth is full of thy riches." While we remember with gratitude the goodness of our Heavenly

Father, whose helping hand has been so evidently displayed in the development of our favored country, we feel bound also to consider our obligations to him, and we fervently desire that our character as a Christian nation may be maintained before the world.

Under these feelings we commend and approve the action of the commissioners in closing the exposition on the first day of the week, and we earnestly hope that their hands may be strengthened in this act of public recognition not only of the day set apart for the worship of our Almighty Creator and Redeemer, but also of our allegiance to him.

On behalf of the meeting.

CHARLES R. TUCKER,
GERTRUDE W. CARTLAND, } Clerks.

89. The business of this Yearly Meeting claiming our attention has been accomplished. Love and unity have prevailed, and the presence of the Lord Jesus Christ, "who is Head over all things to his church," has been witnessed in our midst, from sitting to sitting, and while we rejoice in his mercy and love, we bless his holy name.

90. And now under this precious covering we conclude, proposing to meet at the usual time next year at Portland, Maine, if the Lord permit.

On behalf of the meeting.

CHARLES R. TUCKER, Clerk.

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MINUTES.

1. At the Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England, held at Portland, Maine, commencing on Seventh-day, Sixth Month, 9th, 1877.

2. Our beloved friend, Charles R. Tucker, who for several years past has acceptably served this meeting as Clerk, having been removed by death since our last Yearly Meeting, and our Discipline providing that in the absence of the Clerk, the Assistant Clerk shall act in that capacity during the first sitting, William O. Newhall will serve the Meeting during this Session.

3. By the Reports received from our several Quarterly Meetings, it appears that the following named Friends have been appointed Representatives to this Meeting, viz :—

FROM RHODE ISLAND—Obadiah Chase, Nathan Chase, Albert K. Smiley, Hiram Buffinton, Benjamin Buffum, Joseph E. Macomber, Benjamin F. Knowles, Asa Sisson, Charles W. Earle and Samuel R. Buffinton.

FROM SALEM—John Paige, Joseph Cartland, John H. Crosman, Moses Huntington, James P. Boyce, Moses F. Rogers, Thomas Folsom, Wm. Forster Mitchell, Thomas Wood, Joseph S. Nichols, Moses Sawyer, Benjamin H. Jones, Alvin Hoag, Robert L. Brown and Joseph Haines.

FROM SANDWICH—Newell Hoxie, David K. Akin, Gideon Gifford, Josiah Holmes, Jr., George Howland, Jr., David Kelley, Charles Taber, Wm. C. Taber, Henry T. Wood, Otis Slocum, Jonathan Cowen, John F. Tucker and Edward W. Howland.

FROM FALMOUTH—Abram Winslow, Nathan Pope, Timothy Hanson, Levi Morrell, Albert F. Minott, Augustus F. Cox, George Douglass, Charles W. Webber, Charles W. Goddard, Ezekiel Varney, Jr., Lemuel Jones, Stillman Estes and Henry F. Newell.

FROM SMITHFIELD — Richard Battey, Thomas Grover, Francis H. Inman, Timothy K. Earle, Reuben A. Wheeler and John B. Daniels.

FROM VASSALBORO — John D. Lang, Eli Jones, Thomas B. Nichols, Jonathan Estes, Charles B. Cates, Stephen Jones, Robert Hanson, Alfred H. Jones, Jedediah J. Varney, Clement R. Jones, Ebenezer Frye and Josiah Philbrook.

FROM DOVER — Joseph H. Pratt, Eli Page, Timothy B. Hussey, Tobias Meader, Albert C. Buffum, Samuel Buffum, Russell Hoag, Albert C. Hill and Ira T. Jenkins.

FROM FAIRFIELD — I. Warren Hawkes, Joseph E. Briggs, Joseph Taylor, Reuben T. Jones, Moses Briggs, James Plummer, William P. Winslow, George Richardson and Edward Wing.

4. Whose names being called they are all present except five, for the absence of two of whom, satisfactory reasons have been assigned.

5. Our beloved friend, Sarah B. Satterthwaite, from London Yearly Meeting is acceptably in attendance of this Yearly Meeting, and has presented credentials of unity and sympathy from Holm, Monthly Meeting and the Quarterly Meeting for Cumberland and Northumberland, held in the Third Month, and from the Yearly Meeting, of Ministers and Elders, held in London, in the Sixth Month, 1876 ; all of which have been read.

6. We have also the acceptable company of the following beloved Friends from American Yearly Meetings, viz : — Rebecca Collins and Samuel Miles, from New York Yearly Meeting ; Deborah C. Thomas, from Baltimore Yearly Meeting ; Allen Jay, from North Carolina Yearly Meeting ; Edward C. Young and Amos M. Kenworthy, from Ohio Yearly Meeting ; Jehu Jessup, from Indiana Yearly Meeting ; John Y. Hoover, Barclay Jones and George E. Dillingham, from Iowa Yearly Meeting ; who produced certificates from their respective meetings, expressive of unity with them as Ministers, and with their present religious engagements.

7. Phebe H. Kenworthy, an Elder, accompanying her husband Amos M. Kenworthy, with a minute of unity from Columbus Monthly Meeting, Ohio ; Anna Potts accompanying our beloved friend Sarah B. Satterthwaite, with a minute of unity from the Monthly Meeting of Friends of Philadelphia, for the Western Dis-

trict; and Henry A. Jepson, companion to our Friend John Y. Hoover, with a minute of unity from Springdale Monthly Meeting, Iowa, are acceptably in attendance.

8. We have received truly acceptable Epistles from the Yearly Meetings of Friends in Ireland, New York, Baltimore, North Carolina, Ohio, Indiana, Western, Iowa, Canada and from the Monthly Meeting of Friends in Brumana, Mount Lebanon, Syria.

9. These communications of brotherly love and interest, have been very satisfactory and encouraging to us at this time, and our beloved distant Friends have been brought affectionately to our remembrance, and we appoint the following named Friends a committee to prepare essays of Epistles to those Meetings respectively, including London and Kansas Yearly Meetings, from which as yet no Epistles have been received this year, viz:— Wm. C. Taber, Joseph Cartland, Eli Jones, James P. Boyce, J. Wm. Jacob, I. Warren Hawks, James G. Arnold, Albert K. Smiley, Timothy K. Earle, George Howland, Jr., Josiah Holmes, Jr., Samuel R. Buffinton, Henry T. Wood, Joel Bean, Timothy B. Hussey, Matthew Howland, John F. Tucker, George Richardson, Samuel Buffum, James Plummer, Malatiah Gifford, Benjamin F. Knowles, Thomas Wood, Joseph E. Macomber, Albert F. Minott, Charles H. Jones, Lemuel Jones, Charles B. Cates, Gideon Wood, Joseph E. Briggs, David K. Akin, Charles M. Jones and Josiah Philbrook.

10. We appoint our Friends Eli Jones, Samuel R. Buffinton, Henry T. Wood, Augustus F. Cox, Jacob K. Purinton and George Douglass a committee to unite with a similar committee of Women Friends, to make all necessary arrangements for holding religious meetings during the sessions of this Yearly Meeting, as way may open in the truth. Also to propose times and places for the various committees to meet, who are now, or may be under appointment in the service of this meeting.

Adjourned to 4 o'clock this afternoon.

AFTERNOON. — Assembled pursuant to adjournment.

11. George Howland, Jr., on behalf of the Representatives, informed the Meeting that they were united in proposing the names of William O. Newhall for Clerk, Henry T. Wood for Assistant Clerk, and Timothy B. Hussey for Assistant Reader; which nom-

inations being severally approved by the Meeting, they are appointed to that service the ensuing year.

12. Our several Quarterly Meetings report that they have directed their Treasurers to pay their quotas of Yearly Meeting stock to the Treasurer of this Meeting.

13. Our beloved Friends Thomas W. Ladd and Seneca H. Stevens, from New York Yearly Meeting, and Wm. Wetherald from Canada Yearly Meeting, are acceptably in attendance of this Meeting, with certificates from their Meetings respectively, expressive of unity with them as Ministers, and with their present religious engagements.

14. The committee having charge of the Boarding School at Providence, presented the following report, viz : —

TO THE YEARLY MEETING .

The committee in charge of the Boarding School at Providence, report, that the interests of the institution confided to them have received their attention. The practice pursued in former years, of visiting the school at stated periods, by the general committee, and in the intervals between such general meetings, by a sub-committee, has been continued. While some of the committee have attended all the general meetings, and many others several of them, we have to report that some of those under appointment by the Yearly Meeting, have failed to be present at any of our meetings, during the year.

The condition of the school in all respects, as we believe, fully sustains the view presented by us last year ; its efficiency for high moral and educational culture is not in any degree impaired, the religious element which has been so marked a feature in the school and family continues, and great harmony has prevailed.

The health of the family for the year has been unusually good.

There has been a great increase in the number of pupils pursuing a regular course of study, which has given a more permanent character to the school ; the present graduating class is much the largest (18) since the establishment of the course.

The number in attendance upon the school the past year has been for the Autumn term, 105 boys and 91 girls ; and for the Spring term, 97 boys and 95 girls ; of these 106 were members of our religious society ; 84 from New England, and 22 from other Yearly Meetings. The average attendance of members of our own Yearly meeting is larger this year than last, which is encouraging and satisfactory to us.

At the Yearly Meeting last year a minute was made authorizing the School Committee to make sale of such portion of the school premises, if way opens for it, as in their judgment will best promote the interests of that institution, first obtaining legal authority from the Supreme Court of Rhode Island, to sell, convey and dispose of all said lands, or any part thereof.

To carry out the directions of the Yearly Meeting as above cited, the Com-

mittee at their first meeting after the adjournment of the Yearly Meeting, appointed a sub-committee of their number for that purpose, who, through counsel, made application to the Supreme Court of Rhode Island for the required authority, which resulted in obtaining a decree of that Court dated "March 10th, 1877" giving to the Yearly Meeting "full power and lawful right and authority at any time, or from time to time, to sell, lease or otherwise dispose of, discharged of the trusts of said deeds or either of them, such part or parts of the land conveyed by said deeds or by either of them, as may not, in the judgment of said Yearly Meeting of Friends be needed for the uses of said school," a copy of which decree, in full, is herewith presented.

The committee have directed that the entire school premises be regularly laid out and plotted with reference to such contemplated sale, and are able to report that they have within the past few weeks effected the sale of one lot on the corner of Hope street and Lloyd avenue, with a reasonable expectation of a demand for others before very long.

The grading of Lloyd avenue (as was intimated in our report last year) necessitated the lowering and resetting of the fence for some distance on the line of said avenue, and also the building of another fence on the top of the embankment, for the greater protection of the girls play ground, which has been done.

In the early part of the school year, the committee on repairs, was authorized to make such changes as they might deem necessary in the windows in the center building of the house, and also to enlarge the drying room connected with the laundry; they reported in the 4th Month that they had changed all the windows in the front of the house and some on the north side, at a cost of about \$1,318; that they have raised the roof of the wash room, and have also added thirty feet to its length, and have made a drying room over the same, costing about \$1,650.

The following statement represents our financial condition :

GENERAL FUND.

Balance on hand last year,	\$40.85
Income from the fund,	6,387.87
Return premiums of insurance,	347.50
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	\$6,776.22

PAYMENTS.

Paid premium of insurance,	\$512.50
Paid Albert K. Smiley, Principal,	6,263.72
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	\$6,776.22

CHARITABLE FUND.

Balance on hand last year,	\$969.70
Income from the fund,	2,421.05
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	\$3,390.75

PAYMENTS.

Paid school bills,	\$2,400.00
Balance on hand,	990.75
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	\$3,390.75

The receipts and expenditures of the school for the year 1876-77, as nearly as they can be ascertained at the present time, are as follows :

Income of board and tuition,	\$36,795.37
Income of fund,	6,263.72
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	\$43,059.09
Paid for salaries,	\$13,983.00
Paid for wages,	5,674.53
Paid for provisions,	13,914.19
Paid for fuel and light,	2,714.45
Paid for water,	321.99
Paid for repairs,	4,212.49
Paid for incidentals,	238.44
Profits, year 1876-77,	2,000.00
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	\$43,059.09

In the hands of the Treasurer of the Yearly Meeting, subject to the direction of the Committee.

By balance from last year,	\$4,811.98
By amount received for interest.	122.00
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	\$4,933.98
To cash paid Jas. Tillinghast, two bills,	\$487.45
To cash paid City of Providence tax,	2,982.65
To balance on hand to new account,	1,463.88
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	\$4,933.98

The names of the officers and teachers for the year, which will close with the present term, are comprised in the following list :

Albert K. Smiley, Principal.

Daniel C. Maxfield, Governor and teacher of English branches.

Thomas J. Battey, teacher of Natural Sciences.

John M. Potter, teacher of Mathematics.

Francis B. Gummere, teacher of German and English branches.

Seth K. Gifford, teacher of Latin and Greek.

J. Oscar Winslow, Assistant teacher of Latin and Greek.

Rebecca H. Smiley, Principal of Female Department.

Alice W. Maxfield, Governess and teacher of English branches, autumn term.

Susan S. Moore, Governess and teacher of English branches, spring term.

Bessie T. Wing, teacher of French, History and Literature.

Martha G. Read, teacher of Mathematics.

Hannah E. Bean, teacher of English branches.

Mary Amy Collins, teacher of English branches.

Antoinette A. Bassett, teacher of Drawing and Painting.

Joel Bean, Clerk and Accountant.

Meetings for religious worship have been continued at the school on First and

Fourth days at 11 o'clock A. M. A number of these have been attended by different members of the committee with feelings of satisfaction and comfort.

The afternoon of First day as heretofore has been occupied with Scripture lessons.

We propose that the charges for board and tuition for the coming year be :
 For members of our Yearly Meeting, \$100.00 per annum.
 For members of other Yearly Meetings, or where one or
 both parents are members of our religious society, or
 for scholars sent at the expense of such, 190.00 " "
 For all others who may be admitted, 300.00 " "

One half payable at the commencement of the year, and one half at the opening after recess.

An additional charge of ten dollars each to be made for one year's instruction in Greek, Latin, French, German or Drawing.

On behalf and by direction of the Committee.

GEO. HOWLAND, JR., *Clerk.*

NOTE.—The Autumn term begins 9th Mo. 5th, 1877, and closes 1st Mo. 23d, 1878.
 Winter recess " 1st Mo. 23d, 1878, and closes 2d Mo. 6th, 1878.
 The Spring term " 2d Mo. 6th, 1878, and closes 6th Mo. 24th, 1878.

Applications for admission to the school should be made seasonably for the meeting of the committee on the 31st of Seventh Month next.

Those who are members of our Yearly Meeting will have precedence of all others to that date ; after which applications will be acted upon, in the order in which they are received. Those who desire the benefit of the charitable funds should apply at the time specified. In all cases of application on the fund, full answers will be required to a series of questions which will be furnished to the clerks of the several Monthly Meetings, on whom the applicants will please call for such questions.

All applications should be sent to the Principal. Address, ALBERT K. SMILEY, Friends' Boarding School, Providence, R. I.

15. Which having been read, and seriously considered, is approved by this Meeting. We appoint Obadiah Chase, Samuel R. Buffinton, Joseph Cartland, John H. Crosman, Henry T. Wood, Matthew Howland, Lemuel Jones, Charles W. Webber, Abel C. Munroe, Timothy K. Earle, Thomas B. Nichols, Charles B. Cates, Ira T. Jenkins, Albert C. Buffum, Isaac Winslow and Henry Winslow, a committee to join a similar committee of Women Friends, to present at a future sitting the names of Friends, for a committee to have the charge and oversight of that Institution the ensuing year.

16. The following Friends, Obadiah Chase, Joseph S. Nichols, Malatiah Gifford, Lemuel Jones, James G. Arnold, Caleb Jones, Jacob K. Purinton and Reuben T. Jones are appointed to prepare

a summary of the answers to the queries from our Quarterly Meetings and present it to our next sitting.

17. We appoint Benjamin F. Knowles, Moses Sawyer, Matthew Howland, George Douglass, Thomas A. Wheeler, Charles B. Cates, Albert C. Buffum and Reuben T. Jones a committee to audit and settle the Treasurer's account to the present date; to propose a sum to be raised, sufficient to defray the expenses of the Meeting the ensuing year; also, to propose the name of a Friend for Treasurer, and the name of a Friend for Treasurer of the Boarding School Fund, and report to a future sitting.

Adjourned to 10 o'clock on Second-day morning, the 11th.

SECOND-DAY — MORNING, 6TH MONTH, 11TH.

The Meeting again assembled. Representatives present except two.

18. The following changes have occurred in our several Quarterly Meetings, during the past year, as reported in their accounts to this Meeting:

Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting reports that it has united with Providence Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Thomas Harkness, to the station of Elder, and with South Kingstown Monthly Meeting, in the appointment of Abel F. Collins and Electa Jane Collins, and with Rhode Island Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Elizabeth H. Potter to the same station. Anna Mott, an Elder, and member of Rhode Island Monthly Meeting, died 6th Month, 17th, 1876, aged 78 years, 11 months and 19 days. Hannah Dame, an Elder, and member of the same Meeting, died 4th Month, 3d, 1877, aged 72 years, 5 months and 9 days. Deborah Howland, an Elder, died 5th Month, 27th, 1876, aged 81 years. Perez Peck, an Elder, died 6th Month, 15th, 1876, aged 89 years and 9 months. Jonathan Freeborn, an Elder, 8th Month, 26th, 1876, aged 82 years, 4 months and 10 days, all members of Greenwich Monthly Meeting; also, that it has united with Providence Monthly Meeting in laying down Smithfield Preparative Meeting, and the meeting for worship occurring on the same day, and annexing the members thereof to Providence Preparative Meeting.

Salem Quarterly Meeting reports that Stephen A. Chase, an Elder, and member of Salem Monthly Meeting, deceased 7th Month,

26th, 1876, aged 79 years, 11 months and 4 days. Abijah Johnson, a Minister, and member of Weare Monthly Meeting, deceased 9th Month, 9th, 1876, aged 77 years, 2 months and 27 days. Eunice Sawyer, an Elder, and member of the same Monthly Meeting, deceased 4th Month, 21st, 1877, aged 96 years and 26 days. Alice B. Hoag, an Elder, and also a member of the same meeting, has removed within the limits of New York Yearly Meeting.

Sandwich Quarterly Meeting reports that Mary Gifford, an Elder, and member of New Bedford Monthly Meeting, deceased 8th Month, 5th, 1876, aged 89 years, 10 months and 26 days. Mary Shove, a Minister, and member of the same meeting, deceased 8th Month, 27th, 1876, aged 92 years, 9 months and 9 days. Joseph Taber, an Elder, and member of Sandwich Monthly Meeting, deceased 12th Month, 2nd, 1876, aged 77 years, 11 months and 9 days. George Almy, an Elder, and member of the New Bedford Monthly Meeting, deceased 12th Month, 1st, 1876, aged 77 years and 6 days. Charles R. Tucker, an Elder, and member of the same meeting, deceased 12th Month, 21st, 1876, aged 67 years, 9 months and 16 days. They also inform that they have discontinued Pembroke Monthly Meeting, and have united the members thereof to New Bedford Monthly Meeting.

Falmouth Quarterly Meeting reports that Nicholas Sanford, a Minister, and member of Durham Monthly Meeting, died 16th of 3rd Month, 1877, aged 73 years, 4 months and 16 days.

Vassalboro Quarterly Meeting reports that Hannah Crosman, a Minister, and member of China Monthly Meeting, died 10th Month, 2nd, 1876; aged 86 years and 3 months. Otis Hawes, an Elder, and member of the same meeting, died 11th Month, 26th, 1876, aged 83 years and 11 months.

Dover Quarterly Meeting reports that it has united with Sandwich Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Abigail Gould and Abigail Beede, to the station of Elder. Cynthia Buffum, an Elder, and member of Berwick Monthly Meeting, died 11th Month, 21st, 1876, aged 70 years, 10 months and 6 days.

Fairfield Quarterly Meeting reports that it has united with Sidney Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Sarah M. Richardson to the station of Elder, and with St. Alban's Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Irena Winslow to the same station. Lydia Taylor,

an Elder, and member of Sidney Monthly Meeting, deceased 2nd Month, 6th, 1877, aged 77 years and 7 months.

19. Upon the reading of the changes reported from our Quarterly Meetings, caused by the death of so many of our beloved aged Friends, concerned bretheren were led to exhort us who are still living, to renewed diligence, that our day's work may keep pace with the day; that our work may be done, and well done, for the time is at hand. And the solemn inquiry was made, are we ready for the change which may soon overtake us. The Meeting with deep searching of heart, under, as we believe, a precious covering of the Lord's Spirit, then proceeded to consider the state of society, by reading the Answers to the Queries received from our Quarterly Meetings, and having proceeded therein by reading those of the 1st, which gave occasion for much earnest counsel from beloved bretheren; the Meeting adjourned to 4 o'clock this afternoon.

AFTERNOON — Assembled pursuant to adjournment.

20. Our dear friend Francis T. King, an Elder, is acceptably in attendance of this Meeting, and has presented a minute of unity from Baltimore Monthly Meeting.

21. The Meeting now proceeded to the consideration of the remaining Answers. During the course of this examination, a covering of Divine love and favor was spread over us, under which, much pertinent counsel and encouragement were imparted by beloved bretheren in attendance. In the review of our spiritual health, wherein the state of all our members is before us, and even the nominal member as well as the true membership of the church of Christ is accounted for, occasion for thoughtful consideration and solemn responsibility was given us. And first with reference to the due attendance of our Meetings for the worship of our Father in Heaven, we find that as heretofore, deficiencies are reported.

Strong are our desires that all who have known in any degree a death to sin and a new birth unto righteousness, may be engaged to meet with their brethren to wait upon the Lord, to worship Him in truth, and to feed upon the bread of life. And could our absent brethren know in deed and in truth, that we were thus blessed in our religious meetings, could we say to each, "Come

with us, and we will do thee good," we believe that many of these would gladly repair to the feast, with the response, "We will go with you, for we have heard that God is with you." With reference to the Gospel fellowship which should everywhere characterize the followers of Christ, we were reminded that very little could be done for the help one of another, which had not its root and spring in His love. Having accepted Christ as our atoning sacrifice, and experienced the forgiveness of sin, as we now yield to the baptism of the Holy Ghost and of fire, all that is opposed to His will, is burned up within us. His love is shed abroad in our hearts, and this love gives us power and influence, not only to reach and overcome, but to win others.

We were earnestly exhorted as Christians, not only to the diligent reading, but to the careful study of the Bible. Whatever may be our station in the Church, whatever our rank or age in life, each needs its deep instruction and counsel in every path of duty, as well as its rich promises in the inseparable trials and vicissitudes of life. And to him who is called to teach others, or to preach the everlasting Gospel, the obligation and the need is still more imperative. A mine of wealth and instruction, so rich and so varied, can never be neglected by any who would heed the injunction "Study to show thyself approved unto God." If the tree is made good, the fruit will be good also. If our abiding in Christ is steadfast, not only will the causes of weakness and deficiency be removed, but the fruits of the spirit wherein our Heavenly Father is glorified, will be brought forth in us. Fervent are our desires, not only for ourselves, but for all our members, that as a result of this day's search and inquiry, through the efficacy of the blood of Christ, and by submission to the power of the Holy Spirit, the spiritually diseased among us may be healed, and that those who have departed from us may return, so that with renewed health and vigor, the Church may grow up into Him in all things, who is the head, even Christ.

SUMMARY.

1st. All meetings for religious worship and discipline have been regularly held, except a number where from the small membership or inclement weather they have been omitted at times, and at two small meetings in Salem Quarter, where the meetings for worship have been omitted during the Winter. First-day meetings generally well attended by most Friends. Those in the middle of the week, and for discipline, are too much neglected by some. The hour nearly observed. Mostly clear of unbecoming behavior. Some care taken.

2d. Love and unity are maintained with little exception. Detraction is not fully guarded against, and care is taken to end differences when they appear.

3d. Many of our members are concerned to maintain a religious life and conversation, endeavoring by example and precept to train up those under their care in accordance with our Christian profession. Some, however, are comparatively indifferent to this important duty.

4th. The practice of frequently reading the Holy Scriptures collectively in our families, is common amongst us as a religious duty, and many are also interested to peruse them in private, while a few are suffering from a neglect of this salutary engagement. Our testimony to a free gospel ministry appears to be maintained with a few exceptions.

5th. Friends are careful to abstain from the use of intoxicating liquors with a few exceptions; mostly careful to avoid amusements and diversions inconsistent with a Christian character, and to observe true moderation in all things.

6th. The circumstances of the poor have been attended to, and care has been taken to obtain suitable employment for them. The education of their children has been provided for, with a little exception, in one meeting.

7th. Nearly clear in the several parts of this query.

8th. Friends are careful to inspect their affairs and settle their accounts; they are punctual to their promises, just in the payment of debts, and careful to live within the bounds of their circumstances, with a few exceptions.

9th. The records are attended to; there have been a few removals to and from, without certificates, some of which are under notice.

10th. The discipline has been administered with Christian tenderness and impartiality, but not so timely in some cases as would be best. And judgment has been placed in the authority of Truth and according to our discipline, with a little exception, in one meeting.

22. Salem Quarterly Meeting proposes that the times of holding its Quarterly Meeting be changed back to those at which it was formerly held, viz:—

On the 3rd, Fifth-day, in the First Month, at Salem.

On the 4th, Fifth-day, in the Fifth Month, at Amesbury.

On the 3rd, Fifth-day, in the Eighth Month, at Lynn.

On the 3rd, Fifth-day, in the Tenth Month, at Weare.

Which proposition claiming the consideration of this Meeting, is united with, and the change is made, and the Clerk is directed to inform that Quarterly Meeting of the action of this Meeting.

23. Vassalboro Quarterly Meeting proposes that their Quarterly Meeting be held on Seventh-day, instead of Sixth-day, of the same week as formerly, and that it continue two days, with two sessions each day, one at 10 o'clock, A. M., and one at 2 o'clock, P. M. That the Meeting on Seventh-day at 10 o'clock, after a devotional pause, be devoted to the business of the Church. The

Meeting on Seventh-day afternoon, and those on First-day be public Meetings, and a part of the Quarterly Meeting. This Meeting concludes to make the proposed change, and the Clerk is directed to inform Vassalboro Quarterly Meeting that the change is accordingly made.

Adjourned to meet in joint session, at 10 o'clock to-morrow morning.

THIRD-DAY — MORNING, SIXTH MONTH, 12TH.

The Meeting assembled in joint session pursuant to adjournment.

24. The Committee on General Meetings made the following report, viz :—

TO THE YEARLY MEETING :

The joint committee on General Meetings, present their report as follows :

There have been fourteen general meetings and series of meetings held, one each at New Bedford, Nantucket, Bolton, Worcester, Burrillville and North-bridge, in Massachusetts ; and at Augusta, Readfield, Albion, Vassalboro, China, South China, Belgrade and Winthrop, in Maine.

We believe all these meetings have been blessed to those who have attended them. They have differed in character, some being more occupied in preaching to the unconverted the way of salvation, while at others there has been more teaching to those who had already a hope in Christ—how to follow Him more fully,—but we believe the Blessed Master has owned them all by His Presence, and the baptism of the Holy Spirit has been known.

Since we have come to Portland many earnest testimonies have been given us, to the benefit derived by those who have attended these meetings.

We would recommend the subject to the continued care of the Yearly Meeting.

On behalf of the committee,

ELI JONES,
ANNA G. WOOD.

PORTLAND, 6 Mo. 11TH, 1877.

Which being read was very interesting and encouraging to us, and believing that the Meetings held under the care of this committee, have been a blessing to the Church the past year, as in previous years, and feeling that the Lord will still bless these Meetings as they continue to be held in the authority of Christ our Holy Head. The Meeting concluded to continue the same Committee on this important service, viz :—

Names of Committee.—Eli Jones, William C. Taber, Anna G. Wood, Sarah W. Goddard, John Cartland, Lydia Haight, Richard

Batley, William O. Newhall, Thomas B. Buffum, Moses Bailey, Rebecca H. Smiley, Anna T. Dennis, Abigail M. Hanson, Susan T. Thompson, Timothy B. Hussey, Edward W. Collins, Jane C. Minott, Phebe P. Jones, Hannah G. Sawyer, Matthew Howland, Henry T. Wood, Edward W. Howland, George Bowen, David K. Akin, Abigail C. Beede, Joseph E. Macomber, J. William Jacob, Joseph H. Pratt, Harriet D. Collins, Harriet N. Jones, Sibyl Narcissa Jacob, William Thompson.

Our Quarterly Meetings are requested to appoint Committees to co-operate with the above Committee, as heretofore.

25. The Committee to promote scriptural instruction in Bible Schools, made the following report, viz : —

That they have given attention to the object of their appointment. Correspondence has been kept up with the schools throughout the Yearly Meeting, and the registration is reported as follows :

(Digest from the Printed Circular.)

RHODE ISLAND QUARTERLY MEETING.—Whole number teachers and scholars, 495; last year, 525; decrease of 30. Teachers, 43; last year, 42; increase, of 1. Friends, 259; last year, 267; decrease, 8.

SALEM QUARTERLY MEETING.—Whole number teachers and scholars, 238; last year, 318; decrease of 80. Teachers, 25; last year, 28; decrease, 3. Friends, 164; last year, 216; decrease, 52.

SANDWICH QUARTERLY MEETING.—Whole number, 519; last year, 655; decrease 40. Teachers, 66; last year, 66. Friends, 254; last year, 242; increase, 12.

FALMOUTH QUARTERLY MEETING.—Whole number, 358; last year, 362; decrease, 4. Teachers, 40; last year, 42; decrease, 2. Friends, 207; last year, 205; increase, 2.

SMITHFIELD QUARTERLY MEETING.—Whole number, 240; last year, 280; decrease, 40. Teachers, 21; last year, 24; decrease, 3. Friends, 162; last year, 182; decrease, 20.

VASSALBORO QUARTERLY MEETING.—Whole number, 300; last year, 216; increase, 84. Teachers, 23; last year, 20; increase, 8. Friends, 182; last year, 162; increase, 20.

DOVER QUARTERLY MEETING.—Whole number, 159; last year, 157; increase, 2. Teachers, 13; last year, 13. Friends, 110; last year, 106; increase 4.

FAIRFIELD QUARTERLY MEETING.—Whole number, 360; last year, 285; increase, 75. Teachers, 35; last year, 23; increase, 12. Friends, 168; last year, 134; increase, 34.

TOTALS.—Decrease—Whole number, 214; teachers, 9; Friends, 92.

TOTALS.—Increase—Whole number, 161; teachers, 20; Friends, 60.

FINAL RESULT.—Whole number balance decrease throughout the whole Yearly Meeting, 53. Teachers, balance increase, 11. Friends, balance decrease, 32.

New Schools, 8. None discontinued.

Notice.—(Printed sheets showing these statistics in detail have been prepared, and a limited number can be supplied at the Clerks Table.)

From these facts we see that the blessed work of grace that has been known in our Eastern Quarterly Meetings of Vassalboro, Fairfield, and Dover, has been sensibly felt in this field of labor.

In the other Quarterly Meetings there has been a serious falling off in numbers. We feel to encourage Friends in these sections, especially in schools which have been established for some time to renewed efforts and greater faithfulness. We know how easily comes the excuse, "I have been a teacher for so many years, and I must be released." To such we would say that there is no release in this war.

Our meetings are small; our numbers are but few. We need every one in the schools; every man, every woman, and every child. Were we more numerous we could afford to leave out some, but we cannot afford it. We need all our members in our schools. There may be some, who by age, or infirmity, or sickness, may be unable to meet with us, but in their case we ask for their prayers and influence to help the work.

And when once enlisted, enlist for life. It is not a question of attractiveness, or taste, or ease. When we have attained to the pleasure of the first real sacrifice for the Lord, all other considerations fade away.

New England has a fair reputation as a moral and enlightened land. But we who know its inner life, know what a field of labor there is in New England for earnest, faithful work in Bible Schools.

Our Society has claims upon us, in as much as its very life may be largely fed by the little springs that well up in this gospel ministry and service.

We desire that the coming year may witness renewed efforts, and be crowned with gratifying results.

We recommend that the sum of two hundred dollars be appropriated for the use of a new committee to defray the expenses of the past year, for which no especial appropriation was then made.

For the Committee,

CHARLES TABER,
ANNA G. WOOD.

PORTLAND, 6th Mo. 11th, 1877.

which report exhibits a general, and we trust, deepening interest in the study of the Holy Scriptures among our adult members, as well as children; and in compliance with the recommendation contained in the report, we appoint Samuel R. Buffinton, Ellen K. Buffum, John H. Crosman, Deborah W. Crosman, George Howland, Jr., Anna G. Wood, Henry F. Newell, Maria B. Jones, Richard Battey, Susan Ann Gifford, Stephen N. Taber, Mary E.

Taber, Jacob K. Purinton, Lydia E. Jenkins, Joseph E. Briggs and Harriet N. Jones a committee to produce at a future sitting, the names of suitable Friends to constitute a committee for similar service the ensuing year.

26. The Committee on Education have presented the following report, viz : —

TO THE YEARLY MEETING :

The Committee on Education report that they have attended to their appointment, and that William F. Mitchell has visited a few of our meetings to complete his service of last year, and to interest parents and children in denominational schools.

The committee are in much sympathy with a large number of gifted children, who earnestly desire a thorough education, and have not the means.

The general diffusion of knowledge in this age of the world, admonishes us that as a Society we must educate all our youth according to their capacity, if we would do the great work assigned to us, neglecting, so far as we are instruments, neither the spirit nor the intellect.

Many promising young men and women are going from us, and the usefulness of many who will remain with us will be much less than it otherwise would be ; because we have no complete organized methods and means of aiding their education. Our necessity is clear and certain ; it is funds, the income of which would furnish free scholarships.

The committee are unable to recommend ways and means for raising such funds. But they are constrained to keep this weighty interest before the Church, and to commend these persons to its prayerful interest.

It is also the earnest desire of the committee, that our members should realize that learning is not only to be partaken of to fit for business, but that its highest aim and purpose is to discipline the immortal mind. And, moreover, that the crowning excellence and perfection of all education is in the school of Christ.

The importance of being well instructed how to teach, in a Society constituted as the Society of Friends is, must be apparent to all, and we therefore again commend the subject of Normal Schools to the weighty and careful consideration of the Meeting.

We are unable to produce correct statistics, because of the neglect of a few persons, and therefore omit them altogether.

The committee have expended one hundred dollars of the one hundred and fifty appropriated last year, and suggest that the remaining fifty dollars be left subject to the order of the committee next year, to be used for gathering statistics, and for awakening a greater interest in denominational schools.

In behalf of the Committee,

AUGUSTINE JONES,
DEBORAH W. CROSMAN.

We appreciate the attention which our committee have given to this important subject, and would urge parents and others having

the care of children, to a hearty co-operation in seeking to provide for them ample educational advantages in schools, under the controlling religious influence of Friends; and we direct that the sum of fifty dollars remaining unexpended of last year's appropriation, be left at the disposal of the committee which may be appointed to this service the ensuing year, in order to enable them to pursue their labors in this cause. The nominating Committee appointed in reference to Bible Schools, are requested to produce at a future sitting the names of suitable Friends to constitute a Committee on Education.

Adjourned to meet in joint session this afternoon at 4 o'clock.

AFTERNOON — Assembled in joint session pursuant to adjournment.

27. The joint Committee on Foreign Missions presented the following report, viz:—

TO THE YEARLY MEETING:

The joint committee appointed to take charge of the subject of Foreign Missions, present the following report, viz.:

In order that the Yearly Meeting may understand the progress of our Mission at Brumana during the past year, and its present state, we will give some extracts from Theophilus Waldmeier's own account. He says: "Our Heavenly Father has graciously brought us safely to the end of this year. Wonderfully has He helped and strengthened us in the midst of much labor of different kinds. The building of the Training Home has been carried on with great success. The first and second stories are completed, and are now sheltered by a temporary roof. By the end of the summer we hope to enter into our new establishment, if the Lord wills.

The Industrial School is going on well. We are manufacturing cedar and olive wood work, which we hope to sell in England, America, Sweden and other places. The children like to learn some practical work, and it is found that some handicraft, together with study is good, as it not only keeps the pupils in good health, but opens their minds. There is a hope that this branch of the work will not only support itself, but assist in the support of the Mission.

(Some of this work is now in America, and will be in Portland probably during the Yearly Meeting.)

The fruit trees and vines planted by our English and American visitors last year are doing well, and on the top of Roossee, a young apple tree planted by Eli Jones, bore fifty apples during the last winter. More fruit trees have been ordered.

The people have very little occupation, and we are having all the work done by the inhabitants of our Mission Station. By so doing they learn to work well, get bread for their families, become attached to the Mission, and we have an opportunity to teach them the way of salvation. Some of them lately said: "If

we had not been engaged in building the Training Home, we and our poor children would have perished by starvation. Thanks be unto God for the means whereby our lives have been preserved."

MEETINGS.

All our various devotional meetings have been regularly held, and, in general, very well attended.

Our Monthly Meeting has been held on the appointed day of the month, and it is always a time of blessing and spiritual comfort to us. Six new members have been added during the past year, and more have applied for membership but have not yet been received, because in these things it is better to go on cautiously than to be hasty.

Our First-day Meeting is, as usual, well attended, the number present from 80 to 100. In the afternoon we have a First-day school of men, women and children. There is also a meeting every Fourth-day at eight o'clock in the evening.

THE SCHOOLS.

have been uninterrupted, except during the time of the silk worms, the Fourth and Fifth months, when we had to give holidays, as this is the time when everybody is very busy, in order to earn bread for the whole year. Two new schools have been opened at Mansourich, one for girls and one for boys. The people there are all Greeks, very poor and ignorant, needing our christian sympathy.

The teacher of the Training Home reports, "Theophilus Waldmeier and his wife come daily to our school looking after everything. He is looking after the schools, and she is looking about the kitchen and bedrooms. They take a very affectionate interest in the temporal and spiritual welfare of the children. The children have, in general, made very satisfactory progress in the last year, especially in Bible History. They answer very promptly and earnestly at our First-day school, which is regularly held by Th. Waldemeier. Oh, what a very great difference it is already between these children and the dark, ignorant people of the villages; and what a great blessing it will be for the people, when these children — who have learned to love their Saviour — will one day go forth from this Institution as men of God, in the power of the Holy Spirit! Remember us in your prayers, for our Mission work in this benighted country is not an easy task."

(The children at the Training Home are orphan boys, some of whom were begging their daily bread, with no prospect of anything better. Now they are being taught habits of industry, and bid fair to be useful members of society.)

REPORT OF JOSEPH CHATER, *Teacher of the Roomy School, which is supported by English and American Friends.*

Roomy is about fifteen minutes from Brumana. It contains about 800 inhabitants, belonging to the Catholic and Maronite churches. This village is one of the poorest in Mount Lebanon, and one of the darkest spots of our mission field. If the Lord Himself had not established this our school in the midst of this terribly dark region, it would be quite impossible for anyone to have a Protestant school here.

This school is the smallest of all our schools, but not the less important. I

have twenty-five boys at school daily, who study elementary knowledge, especially the Holy Scriptures, which makes them "wise unto salvation." The bishop and the priest together use all their power to hinder our mission, and to stop our school at Roomy, but their excommunication and threatening have been without any result. Some of the priests said to me, "We shall not rest until we have destroyed your school, because you are against the Pope, who is the representative of Jesus Christ." I said, "You are not able to destroy this school, because it is not my school, but it is the Lord's, who has established it upon His own foundation. How can you destroy it?" No answer I got from the priest, who went away at once.

REPORT OF SEREEFY DOUANE, *Mistress of the girl's School at Mansourieh which is supported by English and American Friends.*

Nearly one year now, I have been at this village teaching the girls. It was very hard for me at the beginning, because everything was new and difficult. The people here had never seen a girl's school, and though they are only one hour and a half from Beirut, they are very ignorant, and sunken very deeply in all kinds of superstition. The people here belong to the Greek Church, which does not so much oppose the good works of the missionaries. The Greek priest is very friendly towards the school and towards myself. Thirty girls are coming regularly to school. You must know that I have to begin to teach them A, B, C, which is called in the Arabic *Aleph Be*. It was very slow work, but now the children spell nicely, and some of them can read in simple books. They have learned very nice hymns, and also Bible history. Writing is getting on very slowly with the girls. I have taught them also needlework, which they like very much, and which is much appreciated by the people here.

Theophilus Waldmeier concludes — "You see that our Heavenly Father has blessed this mission to this benighted people, and He has enlarged it, it is all His own doing, for which we must be thankful. Now, dear friends, as the mission has become so large in such a short time, I beg you to help it forward, more and more, by the means which our Divine Master has placed in your hands. I especially ask you to help it by your prayers before the throne of our Heavenly Father and let us work together and reap together with joy."

SUMMARY.

The Mission comprehends — The Training Home — now carried on in a hired house, but soon to be transferred to the substantial building now in the process of erection. There are also eight schools in Brumana and the neighboring villages, containing 275 scholars, all under the supervision of Th. Waldmeier, but the expenses of some are borne by sympathizing friends in Switzerland.

One man and two women are also employed, who visit among the people and teach and aid them temporally and spiritually. Religious meetings have been regularly held, twelve persons have been convinced of the principles of the Society of Friends, and hold a Monthly Meeting; the opposition among the clergy has much subsided, and the people in the villages around each school, feel the good influences proceeding from them.

According to our agreement with Friends in England, we have forwarded £300 sterling, for the current expenses of the mission, and also £50 toward the build-

ing of the Training Home, but this last is but a small proportion of the £300 which we have agreed to contribute for it. Friends in England have liberally responded to the call, and have sent forward three thousand pounds, but they look to us for what we have promised them, and what will be needed for the fitting up and furnishing of the new Home.

We have told of the progress of the mission, how the rays of the sun of righteousness now illumine that once darkened slope of Lebanon, and now we must commit the subject to the Yearly Meeting, praising the Lord for what He has done in this cause, and asking the continued sympathy and co-operation of Friends.

On behalf of the committee,

SUSAN T. THOMPSON, *Clerk.*

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN MISSIONS OF N. E. Y. MEETING, IN ACCOUNT WITH
GEO. HOWLAND, JR., TREASURER.

1876.		DR.	
6th Month,		To balance from old account.....	\$572 23
" 10,		To amt. recd. from Swansea Prep. Meeting School..	17 39
"		" " Fall River " " "	9 63
"		" collected at Newport, in cash.....	81 80
"		" from a friend in Ireland, by E. Jones, (£2.)	10 96
" 21,		" E. L. Congdon and Elizabeth Smith..	50 00
7th Month, 3,		" B. F. Knowles.....	100 00
9th Month, 20,		" T. K. Earle, \$25, Phebe Marsh, \$5.00..	30 00
12th Month, 8,		" Eli Jones	66 48
1877.			
1st Month, 18,		" R. I. Monthly Meeting.....	50 00
2nd Month,		" Wm. C. Taber	100 00
"		" E. L. Congdon and E. Smith	50 00
"		" Jos. E. Macomber and a few friends....	37 00
"		" Subscription at New Bedford	311 50
3rd Month, 14,		" A. K. Smiley from F'nds of Providence	91 00
" 15,		" Gideon K. Howland.....	5 00
" 26,		" Smith's Neck Meeting.....	27 57
4th Month, 5,		" Westport.....	15 18
" 17,		" Jas. G. Arnold, Uxbridge Mo. Meet'g..	47 00
" 23,		" Fordyce Grinnell, Wichita.....	5 00
" 23,		" Sab. School, Providence, J. H. Atwater.	6 00
5th Month, 7,		" Abel C. Monroe, Smithfield Mo. Meet'g	27 50
" 16,		" Allen's Neck Meeting.....	10 25
" 16,		" Dividends at bank on deposits.....	84 04
			<hr/> \$1,805 53

1876.		CR.	
8th Month, 19,		By amount paid for bill on London for £100..	\$545 18
1877.			
3rd Month, 5,		" " " " £100	508 56
" 15,		" " " " £50..	254 80
5th Month, 21,		" " " " £50 .	262 42
6th Month, 5,		By balance on hand to new account.....	234 57
			<hr/> \$1,805 53

Errors excepted.

GEO. HOWLAND, JR., *Treasurer of Committee.*

NEW BEDFORD, 6TH MONTH, 8TH, 1877.

Which has been read and accepted.

The information which the Committee has thus been enabled to lay before us, respecting the fruit of Christian labor in Syria, on the part of English and American Friends, is of deep interest, and we desire that all may be stimulated to a faithful discharge of whatever service in this direction the Lord of the harvest may call for at their hands. The same committee with the exception of Ellen L. Congdon, removed from within the limits of this Yearly Meeting, and the addition of Sarah F. Tobey and Eliza P. Varney, is continued for service the coming year.

Names of Committee. — Eli Jones, Joseph E. Macomber, Timothy K. Earle, Rebecca H. Smiley, John H. Crosman, Thomas Wood, Susan Taber Thompson, Deborah W. Crosman, Harriet N. Jones, George Howland, Jr., Sylvia G. Howland, Charles M. Bailey, Albert C. Buffum, Ann B. Earle, Charles C. Varney, Lydia Ann Cartland, Abby S. Battey, Lydia E. Sawyer, Mary B. Breed of Weare, Anna G. Wood, Charles B. Cates, Margaret B. Cates, Obadiah Chase, Julia Ann Hodgdon, Benjamin F. Knowles, Sarah F. Tobey and Eliza P. Varney.

28. The Committee appointed last year to extend care, counsel and encouragement to Meetings and Friends, as they may be drawn in the love of the Gospel, have presented the following report, viz : —

TO THE YEARLY MEETING :

The committee appointed last year to visit subordinate meetings, report that forty-three meetings, including some in each of the eight Quarters belonging to the Yearly Meeting, have been visited by members of the committee.

We have also in some places visited families and individuals, as way opened for, particularly those who for any reason did not frequently attend meetings. In this last named service especially, much peace and satisfaction has been experienced by the visitors, and some of those visited have apparently been benefited by the manifest interest and sympathy of their friends.

The committee have met with a *cordial welcome* where they have visited, and in some Quarters many were found hungering and thirsting for the "Bread" and the "Water of Life."

Many meetings were found to be very small, and the few members composing them, much discouraged, because of the lack of spiritual vitality manifested when assembled together, professing to worship God.

In some places which we have visited, we have found much spiritual life and earnestness manifested, and in these places the meetings are *growing* in power, in influence, and in numbers.

We have deeply felt the responsibility of this appointment, and although we have not been instrumental in accomplishing all we at first hoped to, yet we trust that He who "giveth the increase" will bless the labor to His own praise; and we are united in recommending that it be continued in care of a committee the ensuing year.

By direction of the Committee.

HANNAH J. BAILEY, *Clerk.*

PORTLAND, 6th Mo, 11th, 1877.

Which was read, and is satisfactory and encouraging to this Meeting, and the same committee is continued, with the exception of Phebe S. Gifford, removed from within the limits of this Yearly Meeting, and the addition of Rebecca H. Smiley.

Names of Committee. — Eli Jones, Thomas B. Buffum, Benjamin H. Jones, Lydia Haight, Anna G. Wood, Anabella E. Winn, Charles M. Jones, Matthew Howland, Harriet N. Jones, Hannah J. Bailey, S. Narcissa Jacob, William P. Macomber, Esther Jones, Harriet D. Collins, Jane C. Minot, Joseph E. Macomber, J. William Jacob, John F. Tucker, James P. Boyce, William Thompson, Martha E. Pratt, Sarah W. Goddard, Susan T. Thompson, I. Warren Hawkes, Henry T. Wood and Rebecca H. Smiley.

29. The committee to whom was referred the concern of this Meeting for the improvement of the Penobscot and Passamaquoddy Indians, made the following report, viz: —

TO THE YEARLY MEETING:

Your Committee in charge of Penobscot and Passamaquoddy Indians have attended to their appointment. The official legislative reports 1876-7, show the tribes in about the same moral and social condition as last year, the Passamaquoddy's increasing slightly in numbers. We have mainly addressed our efforts towards the educational advancement of this tribe. The school at Peter Dana's Point, near Princeton, has at our suggestion been held at a time of year that is more calculated to insure attendance of the children, to whom premiums have been offered with good results for steady attendance.

Good wall maps and charts have been forwarded for their use at the suggestion of the local superintendent of schools. The sum of twenty-two dollars has thus been expended in premiums and improved school appliances, supplemented by the gift of one dollar from a member of the committee.

Neither of the tribes have been visited by your committee, and we think an interest in the education of the Penobscot's might now be exercised to advantage. One of your committee had a very interesting interview with Governor Selden Connor, of Maine, in Second Month. He and his staff visited the school at Dana's Point, while the children were competing for our prizes. He was

much pleased with our interest in the tribes, made suggestions as to a class of prizes that would ensure the attendance of every boy in the tribe. The Governor stated he would be most happy to forward any plans we suggested, for the educational elevation of these deeply interesting wards of the State.

P. Rogers, the old teacher, has successfully conducted the Pleasant Point school, near Eastport. We think the three Penobscot schools are not on the footing they ought to be, and that the educational and other interests of the tribe deserve our continued care, and that to further that end the sum of one hundred dollars be placed at the disposal of the committee for the ensuing year.

On behalf of the Committee,

STEPHEN JONES,
S. NARCISSA JACOB.

Which was read, and is satisfactory to this Meeting, and the sum of one hundred dollars is placed at the disposal of the same committee, which is reappointed with the exception of our dear friend Edward Earle, deceased, and the addition of Edward S. Hacker.

Names of Committee. — Stephen Jones, John D. Lang, James B. Congdon, Henry T. Wood, Eli Jones, Alfred H. Jones, Timothy Hanson, George Richardson, Josiah Philbrook, Paul Wing, Augustine Jones, Joseph Briggs, Stephen N. Taber, Hannah J. Bailey, Sarah A. Holmes, Harriet N. Jones, Peace Jones, Martha E. Pratt, Sarah M. Richardson, S. Narcissa Jacob, Gertrude W. Cartland and Edward S. Hacker.

Adjourned to meet in separate sessions to-morrow morning, at 10 o'clock.

FOURTH-DAY — MORNING, 6TH MONTH, 13TH.

The Meeting assembled according to adjournment.

30. Salem Quarterly Meeting informs that Lindley H. Osborn has been appointed correspondent of Weare Monthly Meeting, in place of Abijah Johnson, deceased.

31. Jane U. Ferris, companion to our Friend Rebecca Collins, is acceptably in attendance of this Meeting, with a certificate of unity from New York Monthly Meeting.

32. Statistics of membership from our Quarterly Meetings have been read, and are as follows, viz : —

STATISTICS OF MEMBERSHIP AS REPORTED BY THE QUARTERLY MEETINGS
THIS YEAR.

	Births.	Deaths.	Moved into.	Moved out.	Admitted.	Released.	Present Number.	
Rhode Island.....	5	18	4	3	11	4	667	Loss..... 4
Salem.....	2	13	5	24	6	2	681	Loss..... 24
Sandwich.....	3	23	2	12	13	2	769	Loss..... 26
Falmouth.....	5	12	18	9	4	0	540	Gain..... 6
Smithfield.....	2	5	0	6	6	5	454	Gain..... 5
Vassalboro.	2	8	1	11	11	1	517	Loss..... 27
Dover.....	0	9	7	4	7	0	333	Gain..... 19
Fairfield.....	3	5	6	3	18	0	446	Gain..... 21
Total	22	93	43	72	76	14	4407	Total loss, 42

33. The committee on the concern of this Meeting for the improvement of the Indians west of the Mississippi River, report as follows, viz :—

TO THE YEARLY MEETING :

The Committee on the concern of this meeting for the improvement of the Western Indians, report that : The Associated Executive Committee on Indian Affairs was called together twice during the past year ; in the fall of 1876, at Cincinnati, and in the spring of 1877, at Baltimore. The Special Committee upon Legislative and Religious Work also held several meetings.

In the Fourth Month last, the committee called upon President Hayes, and gave him an account of their eight years work during President Grant's administration. He received them very cordially, and desired the continuance of Friends in this field of labor, promising his hearty support and co-operation.

As the minutes of the Associated Executive Committee and their annual report have been generally circulated in pamphlet form, and in the columns of the *Review*, we do not deem it necessary to do more now, than express our increased confidence in the work in which we are engaged.

While the material condition of the Indians has greatly improved the past year the religious and educational interests of the tribes under our care have made more progress than at any former period.

The appointment of Dr. Nicholson as Superintendent of the Central Superintendency, and his removal to the West, made it necessary to appoint a general agent to remain at Washington during the past winter. Our late dear Friend, Edward Earle, kindly consented to take the position, and his presence and labors during the last session of Congress, proved to be of great benefit to the various interests of the Indians. The removal by death of this beloved Friend has been seriously felt by us. He was a member of this Committee from its organization, and most of that time chairman of the Washington committee.

He gave his time and means to the cause of the Indian without stint ; he visited

the Indians at their agencies and the law-makers at Washington. His heart was thoroughly in the work, and he plead the cause of the Redman as that of a brother.

The duty of aiding and encouraging the Mission and schools sustained within the limits of the Quapaw Agency, which is located in the extreme northeast portion of the Indian Territory, has as heretofore claimed more especially our care during the past year.

At the Mission School still under the charge of Asa C. and Emeline Tuttle, the number of children enrolled is reported at 60, with an attendance of 52, composed of Quapaw and Modoc children. The Peoria day school has increased in numbers the past year, the attendance during the Fourth Month being reported at 56. Agent Hiram W. Jones, in speaking of the attendance upon all the schools, in this Agency, says: "We consider it a very good showing, that over one-fifth of our entire population were in school during the Fourth Month, and this too, in the midst of our planting season, when it was necessary for some to remain at home to assist in putting in the crop." He also says: "The schools have never been so well sustained as during the present season," with a more regular attendance and a larger average than heretofore.

Commencing as these untutored children do, at the bottom of the scale, wholly ignorant of the language, with no trained habits of thought or of application, and ignorant even of the commonest proprieties of life, the labor of the teachers is arduous and varied, while the progress of the children has been singularly rapid, and their development highly encouraging.

A goodly proportion of the Mission children are reported as having made commendable progress in Reading, and are engaged in the study of practical Arithmetic, Geography, and the History of the United States.

E. Tuttle also writes: "The large girls have done all their own sewing this year. They also assist in all the departments of housework connected with the Mission." The boys, too, "work well on the farm, and in the garden; help to supply the house with wood, water, etc. Their general conduct has been very satisfactory, and their earnest desire to improve does not diminish."

Of the farming operations, Agent Jones writes: "They generally manifest greater energy in farm labor than ever before. Considerable new land is brought under cultivation each year, with increased interest and care for the stock. There are individual Indians who have farms from 50 to 320 acres in cultivation, many have to hire hands to assist them, which they do with their own means. The Modocs (those who have no connection with the school), have planted 170 acres of corn this spring. They have 30 acres in wheat, which promises a fair yield. They take a pride in caring for their stock, and endeavor to live as much like white people as they can. They have also furnished their own clothing without expense to the government.

These people (the Modocs), still maintain their ground on the temperance question, not one of them having been intoxicated since they came to the Mission, though they have often been tempted by the offer of liquor at their homes and in the neighboring settlements.

The Quapaws continue in an unsettled condition with respect to their home. The government has instructed them to join the Osages, but they refuse to go, saying they cannot give up their home and the school.

The health of the Indians, not only at the Mission, but throughout the Agency, has been comparatively good during the year, with fewer deaths than heretofore. Some of the Mission children have suffered from chills and fever, which is incident to the climate.

Of the religious interest in the Mission and among the Indians, as reported in the accounts of the First Day Schools, and of their meetings, we continue to receive encouraging evidence. Emeline Tuttle writes that in all the tribes there are individuals who are from time to time brought to inquire, "What shall I do to be saved." She says: "One old Indian man walked 15 miles last week to urge us, to come and organize a meeting among his people. He seemed highly pleased, when we told him that when opportunity offered, we would come and give him a chance to be one with and like us. Touching instances are from time to time reported of the simple faith and Christian experience of the Indians, both children and adults.

Emeline Tuttle writes under date of Twelfth Month, eleventh: "Yesterday, during our little meeting connected with the Sabbath School, we received a wonderful baptism similar to what we had before vacation. The children all renewed their covenants with the Lord; even our little Artie crept under the table, and the tears dropped down his little cheeks. A stranger present from the North, said it was to him the *best* meeting he ever attended. After Meeting, an old Indian woman begged me to go to one of their cabins and have a little Meeting. I took a few of the girls and went. There was quite a little company met together, and but one could speak English; we used her for interpreter. The spirit of devotion and prayer was poured out upon us, so that all felt the power that prevailed."

During the Fifth Month a series of meetings was held successively at the Agency and the different schools. At one of these an aged Indian attended, and his broken utterances comprising so much of the simplicity and truth of the Gospel, were taken down in short hand, and ran as follows:

"I like this kind; I am happy to-day. He that loves his brother is good; if we have this love of God, we love everyone in this world. God love world—so much—entirely. He gave His Son to die for us. I first hear this Gospel from these Quaker friends. I am not opposed to any way, so we walk together in the Light, for he that walketh in the Light shall not stumble. My friends, listen to these words. Listen! He says, 'I am with you always.' Let us so love one another in a friendly way.

"I may deceive you, but I cannot deceive my God. This is the way; let us walk this way together. We don't live always *here*. The day will come when all these tears and sorrows will pass away. My friends, I am a man of peace with God, and it is not in my heart to hate any one. I say, let us work together and explain this Gospel. Let us have power and fruit in our hearts. Then it will be well with us when we meet in that happy land, where all of our tears will be wiped away."

Of the amount appropriated by the Yearly Meeting in aid of this concern, the Committee have expended the sum of six hundred and thirty-six dollars and eighteen cents.

In conclusion, never has this work seemed more arduous and difficult, never have our faithful workers in the field more needed our sympathy and our prayers

and never have we felt more encouraged to press the subject of the general welfare, including the civilization and the Christian nurture of these people upon the attention of Friends.

On behalf of the Committee,

EDWARD W. HOWLAND.

PORTLAND, 6th Mo. 12th, 1877.

This satisfactory and encouraging report which has now been read, together with very interesting remarks from our Friend Francis T. King of Baltimore, a member of the Associated Executive Committee on Indian Affairs of Friends of America, and several other Friends, in testimony of the extensive and arduous services rendered by one of our committee, the late Edward Earle, has brought the memory of this dear friend very fresh to our minds, and we renewedly feel the loss which the church has sustained, as well as the cause of that poor and hitherto down-trodden and much abused race, in his removal from the Church Militant.

And believing that further labor by a committee would be of great benefit to those Indians, the same committee is continued for service the ensuing year, with the exception of our Friends Edward Earle and Amos D. Purinton, deceased; and they are at liberty to call upon the Treasurer of this Meeting for a sum of money not exceeding eight hundred dollars, to aid them in carrying on their work.

Names of Committee. — Joseph Cartland, Joseph E. Macomber, Sarah F. Tobey, Charles F. Coffin, Moses Sawyer, Ann Maria Coffin, Hannah B. Sawyer, Edward W. Howland, Henry T. Wood, Phebe Slocum, Rebecca Ewer, Freeman Andrews, Charles A. Nichols, Jane C. Minott, Myra E. Frye, Richard Battey, Ann B. Earle, Abby S. Battey, John D. Lang, Charles B. Cates, Margaret B. Cates, Louisa L. Osborn, Timothy B. Hussey, Anna M. Hussey, Maria Purinton, Moses Bailey, Isaac W. Hawkes, Hannah J. Bailey, Lavinia Briggs, Eli Jones, Thomas B. Buffum, Thomas J. Battey, Rebecca H. Smiley, Charles M. Bailey, Sarah Marble, Timothy K. Earle, Lydia Haight, Mary C. Baylies, George Howland, Jr., John H. Crosman, David Kelley, Susan T. Thompson, Cynthia J. Earle, Anna G. Wood and Thomas Wood.

34. The Trustees of the H. H. Mosher fund have presented the following statement, which has been read, viz : —

STATEMENT OF THE INCOME OF THE TRUST FUND OF HENRY H. MOSHER.

1876.		DR.
6th Month, 13,	To amount on hand last year.....	\$103 22
1877.		
6th Month, 1,	To income up to date.....	551 60
		<hr/> \$654 82

On behalf of Trustees,

EDW. W. HOWLAND,
CHARLES M. BAILEY.

NEW BEDFORD, 6TH MONTH, 11TH, 1877.

1877.		CR.
6th Month, 1st,	The Fund consists of one Gold Bond of \$10,000 of City of Boston.....	\$10,000 00
	Old Savings Bank, New Bedford.....	537 50

35. The Committee appointed to disburse the income arising from the H. H. Mosher fund, present the following report, viz :—

TO THE YEARLY MEETING :

The joint committee appointed to receive from the Trustees the income accruing from the Mosher fund, and to disburse the same according to the terms of the donation, report that several hundred copies of a pamphlet written by Joseph Cooper of England, upon baptism, and the last supper, have been purchased and carefully distributed. We have good reason to believe that the circulation of this little work has been timely and judicious. Information had reached us from various sources that individuals, into whose hands the pamphlet had been placed, have perused it with instruction and comfort. Some of these had become convinced of the spirituality of the gospel dispensation, and dissatisfied with the ceremonials and rituals in which they had been educated, while they still felt burdened with the consideration that baptism was a binding ordinance. To this class in particular, the essay has been a means of strength and encouragement.

The committee has also caused the publication of an edition of the Memoir of the late James Backhouse, of England, which is now just issued from the press, and has been received from the publisher since the commencement of this Yearly Meeting. Eight hundred copies of this edition have been taken by the committee.

We are unable to state with exactness, the expense incurred, as only a portion of the cost of the last publication has yet been paid, but the full amount will not exceed \$430.00.

No portion of this sum has yet been received from the Trustees of the Fund.

On behalf of the committee,

HENRY T. WOOD.
GERTRUDE W. CARTLAND.

PORTLAND, 6TH MONTH, 13, 1877.

Which is satisfactory to this meeting, and the same committee is

reappointed for service another year, with the addition of Harriet N. Jones in the place of Phebe S. Gifford, removed from our limits.

Names of Committee.—The following Friends are appointed to disburse the income from the H. H. Mosher fund: Henry T. Wood, Samuel R. Buffinton, J. Ellwood Paige, Rebecca H. Smiley, Gertrude W. Cartland, and Harriet N. Jones.

Adjourned to four o'clock this afternoon.

AFTERNOON—Assembled pursuant to adjournment.

36. The records of the Representative Meeting were now read, which are approved, except the report of the committee, in reference to the questions proposed by Salem Monthly Meeting, the consideration of which is referred to the Yearly Meeting next year.

37. The joint committee appointed for that purpose, propose the following named Friends for a Committee on Education, viz :—

The joint committee appointed to present names to constitute Committees on Education and Bible schools, present the following named Friends, viz : —

On Education :

Augustine Jones, Matthew Howland, John F. Tucker, Caroline Alice Jones, Aseneth Tetlow and Rachel S. Howland.

On Bible Schools :

Charles Taber, Harriet N. Jones, Thomas B. Nichols, George H. Farr, Henry Winslow, Elizabeth K. Taber, Lizzie P. Nichols, Phebe N. Wadsworth.

The Committee would recommend an appropriation of \$200.00 for Bible Schools.

On behalf of the Committee,

SAMUEL R. BUFFINTON.

ELLEN K. BUFFUM.

PORTLAND, 6TH MONTH, 13, 1877.

Which is approved, and the Committee on Bible Schools are at liberty to draw on the treasurer of this meeting for a sum of money not exceeding two hundred dollars, for their use the coming year.

38. The Summary Answers from the Yearly Meeting of Ministers and Elders, together with a minute of that meeting, has now been read, and is as follows, viz :—

TO THE YEARLY MEETING :

Summary of the Answers to the Queries relating to Ministers and Elders.

Ans. 1st. Ministers and Elders are diligent in attending their meetings for

worship and discipline, and careful to promote the attendance of their families, with little exception mentioned in the accounts from two Quarterly Meetings.

Ans. 2nd. With some exceptions, the lives of Ministers and Elders are, we believe, in good degree clean and blameless amongst men, and they are concerned to maintain unity one with another, and with the meetings to which they belong; and to labor harmoniously together for the honor of truth.

Ans. 3rd. They endeavor to rule their own houses well, and by example and precept to train up their families in a religious life and conversation, consistent with our christian profession.

Ans. 4th. Ministers and Elders are with little exception preserved in love, and are engaged to administer encouragement and counsel as occasion requires, in reference to ministry or conduct, but feel that there is need of more faithfulness in this respect.

During the consideration of the state of this portion of the church as presented by the Answers to the Queries, the presence of our Divine Master was deeply realized, and we were earnestly exhorted to greater faithfulness in the occupancy of the precious gifts bestowed upon us by the head of the church, that those amongst us who are in need of encouragement, may be sought out and ministered unto, in the ability which God giveth, and not according to the wisdom or discernment of the natural man.

Those who have partaken most largely of the goodness of the Lord as experienced in the forgiveness of their sins, were feelingly admonished not to overlook their obligations to their fellow men, especially to such as are living in sin, or struggling to be freed from the bondage thereof.

Earnest desires were expressed that the inexperienced, or those young in the ministry should be tenderly cared for and nursed, by such as have attained to a riper religious experience, and they encouraged to heed the requirings of the Heavenly Sheppard with singleness of heart, looking unto Him for counsel, and depending upon Him for wisdom and guidance in all things. Being assured that as they obey His voice and follow Him, He will uphold them and preserve them from all harm.

Both the Elders and Ministers were counseled to put on the whole armor of God, and in the exercise of living faith to persevere in the path of duty; and were also encouraged to believe, and fully to trust, that, as they look with a single eye unto the Lord, He will strengthen them and guide them in judgement; and that by thus abiding in Him the living and true vine, He will enable them to bring forth much fruit, so that Zion will yet arise, and come forth in its beauty; and the song sung in the land of Judah be applicable to us and to our children, "We have a strong city, Salvation will God appoint for walls and bulwarks."

Signed by direction and on behalf of the Yearly Meeting of Ministers and Elders.

JOHN PAIGE, *Clerk.*

PORTLAND, MAINE, 6TH MONTH, 12TH, 1877.

39. The epistle from North Carolina contained the following postscript:—

P. S. We have at this time been brought under a deep sense of our great responsibilities, in view of our peculiar position and circumstances. Our limit, includes nine of the Southern States that suffered most from the debasing and demoralizing influences of slavery, and the devastations of the Civil War, and amongst which ignorance prevails in a greater degree, in proportion to the population, than in any other part of our beloved country; many thousands of the people being, according to the latest returns, still unable to read or write. In the presence of the multitudes around us who are looking to us for education, enlightenment and evangelization, we painfully feel our utter inability, either pecuniarily, or in other ways, to occupy this vast field of christian labor, in a manner adequate to the pressing need. And we feel called upon in the name of our dear Redeemer, solemnly to invite our bretheren of other Yearly Meetings, earnestly to unite with us in the work thus opened before us, in such manner, whether by pecuniary assistance, or by active personal co-operation, or in both these ways, as may appear to them best calculated to promote the Divine Glory, and to satisfy the just claims of these hitherto neglected and ignorant classes, upon the christian sympathy of their fellow countrymen.

ISHAM COX, *Clerk.*

Which, claiming our serious consideration, we conclude to appoint our Friends, Alfred H. Jones, Benjamin F. Knowles, Joseph Taylor, Richard Battey, Charles Taber, and Joseph E. Macomber, a committee to consider the subject and report at our next session.

40. A communication from a Committee on Foreign Missions of Indiana Yearly Meeting has been received and read, which, upon consideration, we refer to the committee just appointed in reference to the subject from North Carolina Yearly Meeting.

41. The Committee on Foreign Missions have made the following proposition, viz :

The Committee on Foreign Missions request the Yearly Meeting to direct that each Monthly Meeting should appoint a committee of those interested in this work, as soon as practicable after receiving this information, to assist in carrying out the concern of the Yearly Meeting.

On behalf of the Committee,

ELI JONES, *Chairman.*

PORTLAND, 6TH MONTH, 13, 1877.

Which is approved by this meeting, and the clerks are directed to inform our Monthly Meetings of the conclusion of this meeting.

The Friends appointed on the concern of this meeting on behalf of the Freedmen, present their annual report, viz :—

TO THE YEARLY MEETING :

The committee having the care and disbursement of the fund belonging to the Yearly Meeting for the benefit of the Freedmen, make the following report:— The members of the Yearly Meeting will recollect that two years ago when the affairs of the Washington Mission were brought to a close, there were thirty-five hundred dollars on hand (\$3,500). This meeting directed it should be retained in the hands of the committee for the benefit of the colored people of the South. Your committee had an interview with a committee from Indiana Yearly Meeting. Said Meeting had a school at Marysville, East Tenn., which they proposed we should take for three years, then this Yearly Meeting was to have the property. We were not to spend over fifteen hundred dollars (\$1,500) a year. After considering the proposition your committee decided with the consent of this Yearly Meeting, that they would take the school for three years, binding themselves in writing, that they would leave this Yearly Meeting at liberty to decide whether they would take the property or not, at the expiration of that time. Such a bargain was closed with the Indiana Yearly Meeting committee. Two of your committee have visited the school and property, and were very agreeably disappointed. They found a large brick building, 120 feet long, 50 feet wide, two stories high in front and three on the rear, which gives a fine basement above ground. There are two fine school-rooms, one at each end of the building, well furnished with modern forms or desks, both rooms would seat very comfortably one hundred and fifty scholars. There is a large barn 40 x 40 ft., with a basement the whole size, which would make a fine boarding house at a little expense. There are twenty-eight acres of good land, all cleared. Your committee, or the two who went down, found the Superintendent and his wife well calculated to have the charge of such an establishment. They have sent out as teachers all over the South, forty-one of their scholars. They have all had schools averaging about seventy-five pupils. The Superintendent has had reports from the teachers, they are well liked by the people they are located among. Your committee are not prepared to recommend that the Yearly Meeting should take the property at the end of the three years. They recommend the whole subject be left in the care of a committee, said committee to report to this Meeting next year, whether they think it advisable for this Meeting to take the property or not.

For the Committee,

EDWARD W. HOWLAND,
ELLEN K. BUFFUM.

NEW ENGLAND YEARLY MEETING FREEDMEN'S FUND, IN ACCOUNT WITH
EDWARD W. HOWLAND.

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Errors excepted.

EDWARD W. HOWLAND.

NEW BEDFORD, 6TH MONTH, 11TH, 1877.

Which is accepted by this meeting, and their doings approved, and we again refer this concern to the same committee for the ensuing year, with the exception of Edward Earle, deceased; we feel bound, gratefully to acknowledge the valuable services rendered by this our late friend. His whole-hearted earnestness and devotion to the cause of this oppressed people, have drawn largely upon his time and means from the very commencement of our work in this deeply interesting field of Christian philanthropy, extending as it has over a period of thirteen years, and which has been so fruitful in good results. Timothy K. Earle is added to the committee.

Names of Committee.—Edward W. Howland, Benjamin Buffum. Ellen K. Buffum, Ann B. Earle, Susan Taber Thompson, and Timothy K. Earle.

43. The committee appointed at the first session of this meeting, to arrange times and places for the holding of meetings, and the meetings of committees, are hereby continued for the same service another year; and they are directed to make appointments of meetings upon such subjects as have claimed the attention of this meeting, and upon which committees have been appointed.

Adjourned to three o'clock to-morrow afternoon.

FIFTH DAY.—AFTERNOON, THE 14TH.

The meeting assembled according to adjournment.

44. Representatives present, except ten, for the absence of seven of whom satisfactory reasons were assigned.

45. New York Yearly Meeting informs that it was the conclusion of that meeting that its sessions should be held next year at Glens Falls, New York, commencing on the last Sixth Day in the Fifth Month. The meeting of Ministers and Elders, and the

Representative Meeting to be held on the day previous, as usual.

46. We have this day adopted the following described Seal, as the corporate seal of the Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England, to wit: An impression into the substance of a paper or wafer of the words "The Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England," in an outside circle, and within that circle, the words and figures "Incorporated, R. I., 1823; Mass., 1828; Maine, 1875." A copy of which seal is annexed to this minute.

47. The joint committee appointed for that purpose, propose the following named Friends to constitute a Boarding School Committee, viz:—

The joint committee appointed by the Yearly Meeting, to propose names to constitute the Boarding School Committee for the ensuing year, present the following, viz:—

Benjamin Buffum,
Charles F. Coffin,
George Howland, Jr.,
Edward W. Howland,
Moses Bailey,
William C. Taber,
Timothy B. Hussey,
George L. Collins,
Timothy K. Earle,
Samuel R. Buffinton,
Henry T. Wood,
Augustine Jones,
Richard Battey,
William C. Munroe,
Thomas B. Nichols,
Augustus F. Cox,

Ellen K. Buffum,
Ann Maria Coffin,
Sylvia G. Howland,
Ann B. Earle,
Hannah J. Bailey,
Ann K. Colton,
Hannah B. Sawyer,
Laura L. Collins,
Lydia Haight,
Rebecca C. Grinnell,
Anna G. Wood,
Deborah W. Crosman,
Abby S. Battey,
Elizabeth H. Austin,
Sarah F. Tobey,
Esther Jones.

On behalf of the Committee,

MATTHEW HOWLAND,
CHARITY G. CHASE.

PORTLAND, Sixth Month, 13th, '77.

Which are satisfactory to the meeting, and they are accordingly appointed to that service the ensuing year.

48. The Epistle from London Yearly Meeting, the present year, addressed to this meeting, has just been received and read, and is very salutary to us, and the allusion to our late dear friend, Charles R. Tucker, has brought our beloved brother afresh to our remembrance, who since our last annual assembly has been removed from the scene of his earthly labors, to join, we trust, the general assembly

and church of the first-born, whose names are written in Heaven ; our hearts are lifted in earnest prayer that the Lord will raise up and qualify other laborers in the field already white unto harvest.

49. The committee appointed to audit and settle the treasurer's account, report as follows, viz :

TO THE YEARLY MEETING :—

The committee appointed to examine and settle the treasurer's account, to propose a sum to be raised for the ensuing year, and to nominate a Friend for treasurer, and another for Treasurer of the Boarding School Fund, have attended to their appointment, and report as follows, viz :—

RECEIPTS.

Balance on hand last year,	\$15,482 96
From the several Quarterly Meetings,	3,000 00
Balance due from Vassalboro Quarter last year,	68 00
Interest on temporary loans,	92 60
Books of Discipline sold,	21 00
From Eagle Bank Stock,	100 00
From Providence City Bonds,	238 50
From dividend Savings Bank',	8 02
From Indian Committee last year,	13 99
From Committee P. and P. Indians refunded,	28 00
From Committee on Temperance refunded,	96 00
From premium on Gold.	4 58
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	\$19,153 65

PAYMENTS.

For traveling expenses of Friends,	\$349 00
For sundry expenses at Newport,	409 65
For legal expenses,	35 00
For rent, Wesleyan Hall, Boston,	450 00
For Committee on Education,	100 00
For Printing,	433 17
For Record Book, Postage, Express, etc.,	24 51
For Committee on Temperance,	300 00
For Recording Minutes,	95 50
To Committee on Indians West of Mississippi,	636 18
For our proportion to Associated Committee,	765 00
To Committee on Penobscot and Passamaquoddy Indians,	50 00
For Gas at Newport,	10 50
For Seal for Yearly Meeting,	7 25
For amount paid Thomas Harkness, Treasurer of School Fund,	4,019 00
For amount invested,	10,000 00
For balance to new account,	1,468 89
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	\$19,153 65

These expenditures are all properly vouched for.

We would propose that the sum of \$3,000 be raised for the use of the Meeting the ensuing year; that George Howland, Jr., be appointed Treasurer of the Yearly Meeting, and Thomas Harkness, Treasurer of the Boarding School Fund.

For the Committee,

MATTHEW HOWLAND.

PORTLAND, Sixth Month, 13th, 1877.

Which is satisfactory, and George Howland, Jr., is reappointed Treasurer for the year ensuing, and our Quarterly Meetings are directed to forward to him their respective proportions of three thousand dollars, the sum proposed to be raised for the use of the meeting this year. Thomas Harkness is reappointed Treasurer of the Boarding School Fund.

50. The committee on the subject of Peace have presented their annual report, viz :—

TO THE YEARLY MEETING :—

The joint committee under appointment to disseminate, as way may open for it, the principles of universal Peace, report : That during the past year two public meetings have been held at Windham, and one in Durham, Maine, upon this subject. Considerable has also been done in the dissemination of books, and other reading matter, calculated to encourage and strengthen a sound public sentiment upon this important question. Several hundred copies of a small work, illustrative of the example and testimony of the early Christians upon the subject of war, have been purchased and largely distributed among prominent individuals in different parts of New England.

Next to the teachings of the Prince of Peace, Himself, and the declarations of the New Testament, perhaps no stronger evidence can be produced respecting the correctness of Peace Principles, than the declaration of doctrines of these early disciples, so fully promulgated by their great Exemplar : " I am a Christian, and therefore I cannot fight."

The committee still find encouragement to labor in this cause, from the fact that here and there among the thoughtful, the appreciative and the conscientious, are found those who are willing to examine this great question, and who are in good measure convinced that the spirit of war and the precepts of the Gospel are wholly incompatible.

The amount of money reported in the hands of the committee last

year, was	\$154 74
Of this sum, there has since been expended,	70 86
Leaving a balance on hand of	\$83 88

For the Committee,

JOSEPH CARTLAND,
ABBY S. BATTEY.

PORTLAND, Sixth Month, 14th, 1877.

COMMITTEE ON PEACE.

Eli Jones,
 Joseph H. Atwater,
 Matthew Howland,
 Edward W. Howland,
 Joseph Cartland,
 Charles M. Bailey,
 John H. Crosman,
 Timothy B. Hussey,
 Charles C. Varney,
 Samuel R. Buffinton,
 George Richardson,
 Charles Taber,
 Gideon Wood,
 Thomas B. Nichols,
 Henry T. Wood,
 George H. Pope,
 Charles A. Nichols,

Anna K. Colton,
 Susan T. Thompson,
 Eliza B. Boyce,
 Gertrude W. Cartland,
 S. Narcissa Jacob,
 Anna T. Dennis,
 Joseph E. Macomber,
 Nathaniel Gifford,
 Herod Chase,
 Rachel S. Howland,
 Abigail C. Beede,
 Ann B. Earle,
 Dorcas B. Robinson,
 Ellen K. Buffum,
 Abbey S. Battey,
 Sylvia G. Howland,
 Mary A. Smith.

Which is accepted by this meeting, and we again refer the subject to the same committee, with desires that they may be blessed in their labors in this direction.

51. The committee continued last year to labor in the cause of Temperance, now submit the result of their labors in the following report, viz :—

TO THE YEARLY MEETING :—

Your committee appointed in the Sixth Month last, to labor in the cause of Temperance, met at Newport, and after a time of deliberation upon the most effectual means of carrying forward the work, without taking definite action, adjourned to meet at Lynn, in the Eighth Month following.

According to adjournment, a portion of the committee met at Lynn, and were united in appointing an advocate of total abstinence from all intoxicating drinks, to labor in the different Quarterly Meetings, his travelling expenses to be paid from the treasury of the Yearly Meeting.

Subsequently in performing this service, much effort has been put forth in the agricultural districts, against the use of cider as a beverage ; a snare which has led thousands into the vortex of intoxication, ending in utter ruin.

Four members of the Yearly Meeting Committee attended the State Temperance Conference, at Augusta, Maine. The claims of our cause in the Church were abundantly presented, and appreciated, and much good accomplished. In our own Society, many Friends who have heretofore evinced apathy, and in some cases were opposed to the work, have confessed that their hearts were with us, and their eyes opened ; and upon listening to the cider question as presented to them, regard the use of this stimulant as the most dangerous foe to our cause. The question of alcoholic medicines was abundantly discussed, and doubtless has

aroused the communities wherever presented, to the fearful danger lurking in this evil.

In all places our younger members appear to be in full unison with the cause of total abstinence. Some Friends who have within two years opposed the pledge, at the close of these meetings bid God-speed to the work.

On all occasions, Christ Jesus has been held up as the only place of safety from the tempter ; on the whole, the tone of the New England Yearly Meeting on this important subject has greatly improved ; and the increasing interest manifested amongst its members is truly encouraging.

Many thousands of pages of temperance tracts have been purchased, and distributed in the different localities among Friends in New England ; a potent instrumentality for good, silently, but none the less effectually, calling the attention of young and old to the great and important question of total abstinence from all intoxicating drinks.

But, let us not flatter ourselves that the time has come when we can *innocently* slacken our efforts in this cause ; the liquor interest is always a unit ; while our forces are oftentimes distracted, failing to *unite* for the overthrow of one of the deadliest evils that afflict our race ; we ought to learn a lesson from this, and labor *unitedly* for the extermination of this fearful evil.

It is a serious question in the minds of your committee, whether the time has not fully come when this Society should issue a call to all the Christian churches to unite against the "liquor traffic."

Well may the words of our Saviour be applied to us : "Let your light so shine before men, that others seeing your good works, may glorify your father which is in Heaven." We feel confident that if the religious element in our midst could be concentrated in one direction, to the overthrow of this prolific source of misery and crime, it could not long stand before it ; the church united, is invincible ; it was the petition for the abolition of American slavery, signed by 3,000 clergymen of the North, a few years since, that caused our national legislature to tremble as it never did before ; and was doubtless as effectual, if not the most effectual, of any one means for its overthrow ; proving itself a powerful instrumentality in hastening the day of emancipation to the slave.

Shall the Society of Friends be found lagging in this great work ? Rather, shall we not make an advance movement at once, setting an example for others to follow ; kindly, but earnestly, soliciting their aid, in battling for the overthrow of an evil which threatens to deluge this fair land with poverty, wretchedness and crime.

Could the curse of intemperance once be exterminated from our midst, we should have but little need of almshouses, jails, and penitentiaries ; in the place of suffering and destitution, would be found comfort and competency ; "the children of haggard want would sit in the halls of plenty ;" sickness would be robbed of half its power, and gratitude to God would ascend from 10,000 homes where thanksgiving and praise have never yet been heard.

Thus would be fulfilled the prediction of the evangelical prophet : "Then shall thy light break forth as the morning, and thine health shall spring forth speedily ; and thy righteousness shall go before thee ; the glory of the Lord shall be thy reward."

On behalf of the committee,

JAMES P. BOYCE,
SUSAN A. GIFFORD.

PORTLAND, Sixth Month, 13th, 1877.

Which was read, and was very cheering and encouraging, and our hearts were rejoiced by the report presented of the increased interest of Friends in this Yearly Meeting, particularly of our younger members, in whom is our hope, that the day is not far distant when our Society will be known as a total-abstinence society. The same committee is continued, with the exception of Charles R. Tucker, deceased. The committee is at liberty to draw upon the treasurer of this meeting for the sum of three hundred dollars, for their use in the furtherance of this work.

Names of Committee.—*Men*—Joseph E. Macomber, Zephaniah Breed, James P. Boyce, Charles Taber, Augustus F. Cox, Edward S. Hacker, Timothy K. Earle, Abel C. Munro, Eli Jones, Jonathan Estes, Albert C. Buffum, Albert C. Hill, Jonathan Cartland, Joseph E. Briggs, Isaac Warren Hawkes, Charles W. Goddard, Samuel R. Buffinton, J. William Jacob. *Women*—Ellen K. Buffum, Gertrude W. Cartland, Lydia C. Neal, Deborah W. Crossman, Susan Taber, Elizabeth C. Wing, Myra E. Frye, Saloma Jane Cox, Susan Ann Gifford, Lydia Haight, Mary C. Jones, Eliza Philbrook, Lydia E. Sawyer, Gulielma M. Purinton, Harriet N. Jones, Phebe M. Wadsworth, Phebe S. Gifford, Charlotte D. Holmes, and Elizabeth B. Nichols.

52. The committee appointed for that purpose presented the following report, viz :—

The Committee to whom was referred the subject from North Carolina Yearly Meeting and also that from Indiana Yearly Meeting, would report :

They think it would be best to refer the subject from Indiana to our next Yearly Meeting, as way does not open to take definite action at this time.

They would recommend that the Yearly Meeting appoint a committee in relation to the Mission work in North Carolina, and in other states at the South, to labor in that field, through such openings as shall commend themselves to them. And we would propose the following named Friends to constitute such a committee, viz : Benjamin F. Knowles, Joseph E. Macomber, Gulielma Freeborn, Gertrude W. Cartland, Joseph S. Nichols, Matthew Howland, Joseph N. Swift, Hannah G. Hoxie, Sarah A. Holmes, George Douglass, Esther Jones, Thomas B. Nichols, Alfred H. Jones, Elizabeth S. Frye, Mary R. Jones, Richard Battey, Sarah Jane Swift, Joseph Taylor, Hannah J. Bailey, Albert C. Buffum and Lydia C. Tuttle.

On behalf of the Committee,

ALFRED H. JONES,
ANNABELLA E. WINN.

PORTLAND, 6 Mo. 14TH, 1877.

Which is satisfactory to this meeting, and the Friends named are appointed to that service the coming year. And the clerk is directed to inform the Secretary of the Committee on Foreign Missions of Indiana Yearly Meeting, of the conclusion of this meeting in reference to the proposition from their committee.

53. The Representatives report the following named Friends to compose a Representative Meeting the ensuing year, viz :

Names.—Thomas Harkness, George Bowen, Gertrude W. Cartland, Anna T. Dennis, William O. Newhall, Charles F. Coffin, Abigail M. Hanson, Hannah B. Sawyer, George Howland, Jr., Charles R. Tucker, Rebecca C. Grinnell, Susan T. Thompson, George Douglass, Augustus F. Cox, S. Jane Cox, Elizabeth A. Douglass, Richard Battey, Ann B. Earle, Ann K. Colton, Thomas B. Nichols, Eli Jones, Mary C. Jones, Sarah W. Goddard, Jacob K. Purinton, Samuel Buffum, Elmira B. Buffum, Lydia E. Jenkins, Moses Bailey, Reuben T. Jones, Phebe P. Jones, Hannah J. Bailey, Perez Peck, George Richardson, Edward W. Howland, Augustine Jones, Thomas A. Wheeler, William C. Taber, Benjamin Buffum, Samuel R. Buffinton, Matthew Howland, Edward Earle, Ebenezer Frye, Joseph Cartland, Henry T. Wood, Lemuel Jones, Moses Sawyer, Stephen Jones, Thomas Folsom.

The names brought forward are approved by this and the Women's Meeting.

54. Essays for epistles have been read and approved, to be forwarded to the Yearly Meetings of London, Ireland, New York, Baltimore, North Carolina, Ohio, Indiana, Western, Iowa, Canada and Kansas, also one in which Women Friends join to the Monthly Meeting of Friends of Brumana, upon Mount Lebanon, Syria.

55. The clerk is directed to sign on behalf of this meeting the following minute for our Friend, Rebecca Collins, and similar ones for Samuel Miles, Thomas W. Ladd, Seneca H. Stevens, Deborah C. Thomas, Allen Jay, Edward C. Young, Amos M. Kenworthy, Jehu Jessup, John Y. Hoover, Barclay Jones, George E. Dillingham and William Wetherald, viz : Our beloved friend Rebecca Collins attended this meeting. Her company and religious services have been acceptable to us.

56. He is also directed to sign on our behalf the following minute for Francis T. King, and similar ones for Jane U. Ferris, Phebe H. Kenworthy, Anna Potts and Henry A. Jepson, viz :—

Our beloved friend, Francis T. King, attended this meeting. His company has been acceptable to us.

57. This meeting concludes to present to the city government and citizens of Portland, the following minute: Expressive of its appreciation of their kindness, in offering us the use of this Hall in which we are now holding our Yearly Meeting, viz :—

TO THE CITY GOVERNMENT AND CITIZENS OF PORTLAND:

The Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England, now in session, take pleasure in expressing to the city government and citizens of Portland, our grateful appreciation of your liberality, in opening to us, the doors of the City Hall, for the transaction of our business, and of the uniform kindness and cordiality with which, the various ministers and members have been welcomed and entertained.

WILLIAM O. NEWHALL, }
GERTRUDE W. CARTLAND, } *Clerks.*

PORTLAND, Sixth Month, 14th, 1877.

58. This, and the Women's Yearly Meeting conclude to have the extracts of the minutes printed together; and the clerks are directed to cause an edition of 2,000 copies to be printed and sent down to our Quarterly Meetings in their usual proportions, and Augustine Jones is appointed to advise with them in the accomplishment of this work.

59. The various important concerns which have claimed the attention of this Yearly Meeting, having been satisfactorily disposed of, we can but acknowledge with grateful hearts the condescending goodness and mercy of our Father in Heaven, in having been with us from sitting to sitting, and that to bless; and under a precious sense of His felt-presence, we now conclude, proposing to meet again at Newport, R. I., in the Sixth Month, next year, if the Lord permit.

On behalf of the meeting,

WILLIAM O. NEWHALL, *Clerk.*

MINUTES

— OF THE —

New England Yearly Meeting,

— OF —

WOMEN FRIENDS.

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At the Yearly Meeting of Women Friends, for New England, held at Portland, State of Maine, commencing on Seventh-day, 6th Month, 9th, 1877.

By reports received from our Quarterly Meetings, it appears that the following Friends have been appointed Representatives to this Meeting, viz: From

RHODE ISLAND — Dorcas B. Robinson, Rebecca H. Smiley, Elizabeth Meader, Mary A. Smith, Esther Chase, Margaret Anthony, Rebecca Anthony, Harriet D. Collins, Mary W. Jones, Cynthia J. Earle, Anna T. Dennis, Ellen K. Buffum, Sarah F. Tobey and Huldah M. Beede.

SALEM — Gertrude W. Cartland, Mary Alice Brown, Lizzie K. Hoxie, Mahalath G. Jones, Huldah V. Ware, Peace P. Nichols, Sabina A. Paige, Cynthia W. Huntington, Abigail M. Hanson, Soviah Folsom, Sarah P. Nichols, Lydia C. Neal, Anna M. Gove and Lydia Pope.

SANDWICH — Phebe R. Gifford, Rachel S. Howland, Elizabeth C. Wing, Charity G. Chace, Esther A. Macomber, Lucy S. Kelley, Anna G. Wood, Rebecca C. Grinnell, Lydia N. Bowerman, Sophia Ricketson, Susan T. Thompson, Lydia B. Dillingham and Sylvia G. Howland.

FALMOUTH — Lydia H. Jones, Martha M. Varney, Miriam Webber, Mary F. Tuttle, Mary C. Hawkes, Mary M. Pope, Esther Jones, Abbie J. Cook and Lois D. Morrell.

SMITHFIELD — Abby S. Battey, Susan Ann Gifford, Sarah J. Wheeler, Mary R. Hadwen, Dorcas Daniels, Caroline C. Earle, Lydia Dow and Abigail Wheeler.

VASSALBORO — Sarah E. Varney, Sarah W. Goddard, Mary C. Jones, Margaret B. Cates, Sarah J. Cole, Eliza P. Pierce, Mary R. Jones and Mary A. Estes.

DOVER — Mary H. Morrell, Martha E. Pratt, Lydia M. Tuttle, Mary G. Estes, Anna M. Hussey and Lydia E. Sawyer.

FAIRFIELD — Sarah M. Richardson, Lavina M. Briggs, Hannah J. Bailey, Christina Butterfield, Mary E. Richardson and Lizzie Plummer,

who have responded to the call of their names, with the exception of thirteen, for the absence of five, sufficient reasons have been given.

By the Report from Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting we are informed, they have united with Rhode Island Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Elizabeth H. Potter to the station of Elder, and with South Kingston Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Electa Jane Collins to the same station.

Anna Mott, a member and Elder of Rhode Island Monthly Meeting, died 6th Month, 17th, 1876, aged 78 years, 11 months and 12 days.

Hannah Dame, a member and Elder of Rhode Island Monthly Meeting, deceased, 4th Month, 3rd, 1877, aged 72 years, 5 months and 5 days.

Deborah Howland, a member and Elder of Greenwich Monthly Meeting, died 5th Month, 27th, 1876, aged 81 years.

Salem informs that Eunice Sawyer, an Elder of Weare Monthly Meeting, deceased, 4th Month, 21st, 1877, aged 96 years and 26 days.

Sandwich informs that Mary Gifford, an Elder, and member of New Bedford Monthly Meeting, deceased, 8th Month, 5th, 1876, aged 89 years, 10 months and 26 days.

Mary Shove, a member and Minister of the same meeting, died 8th Month, 27th, 1876, aged 92 years, 9 months and 9 days.

Sandwich also reports the discontinuance of Pembroke Monthly Meeting, the members thereof having been joined to New Bedford Monthly Meeting.

Fairfield informs that meeting has united with Sidney Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Sarah M. Richardson to the station of Elder, and with St. Alban's Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Irene Winslow to the same station.

Lydia Taylor, a member and Elder of Sidney Monthly Meeting, deceased, 2nd Month, 6th, 1877, aged 77 years and 7 months.

Dover Quarterly Meeting informs they have united with Sandwich Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Abigail Gould and Abigail Beede to the station of Elder, and that Cynthia Buffum,

an Elder, and member of Berwick Monthly Meeting, deceased, 11th Month, 21st, 1876, in the 71st year of her age.

Epistles have been received and read from our sisters of Dublin, New York, Ohio, Baltimore, North Carolina, Indiana, Western, Iowa, Canada and Kansas Yearly Meetings.

We are comforted and cheered by this renewed expression of christian interest and sympathy on the part of our dear absent sisters, and appoint the following Friends to prepare essays of reply to present at a future session of this Meeting.

COMMITTEE ON CORRESPONDENCE.

Anna G. Wood,	Caroline C. Earle,
Sarah F. Tobey,	Rachel B. Nichols,
Dorcas B. Robinson,	Hannah S. Wing,
Sarah E. Varney,	Sarah W. Goddard,
Ellen K. Buffum,	Mary R. Jones,
Rebecca C. Grinnell,	Elizabeth C. Capron;
Harriet D. Collins,	Phebe M. Wadsworth,
Sarah A. Holmes,	Gulielma Freeborn,
Abigail M. Hanson,	Charity G. Chase,
Lydia E. Jenkins,	Anabella E. Winn,
Harriet N Jones,	Deborah W. Crosman,
Electa J. Collins,	Lucy S. Kelley,
Gertrude W. Cartland,	Margaret B. Cates,
Elizabeth Ann Slade,	Susan T. Thompson,
Elizabeth S. Frye,	Lydia C. Neal,
Anna M. Hussey,	Esther Jones,
Mary Alice Brown,	Lydia E. Sawyer,
Susan Ann Gifford,	Phebe R. Gifford,

We appoint Abbie S. Battey, Mary A. Smith, Rebecca A. Steere, Phebe R. Gifford and Lydia Haight to prepare a summary from the answers to the Queries to present at a future sitting.

The Representatives are requested to meet at the rise of this meeting, to confer upon the subject of clerks.

At this first sitting of this first Yearly Meeting in Portland, amid new surroundings and associations, many hearts have been humbled under a feeling of new and increased responsibilities, and fervent have been our prayers that we may be kept so closely attentive to the guidance of our Lord, who alone can rightly direct the affairs of His church, that all our service may be in harmony with His will, and that losing ourselves in the love of our blessed Saviour and one of another, our thus mingling together may tend to mutual edifi-

cation, and others beholding our lights, the fruits of our faith, may also be led to rejoice in the blessings of the gospel.

We adjourn to 4 o'clock this afternoon.

SEVENTH-DAY — AFTERNOON. Met near 4 o'clock.

Abigail M. Hanson on behalf of the Representatives, informed they were united in proposing Gertrude W. Cartland for Clerk and Mary Alice Brown for Assistant, which being approved by the meeting, they are appointed to those services for the ensuing year.

We have at this time the acceptable company of our beloved friends Sarah B. Satterthwaite from London Yearly Meeting, Rebecca Collins, Seneca H. Stevens, Thomas W. Ladd and Samuel Miles from New York Yearly Meeting; Deborah C. Thomas from Baltimore; Allen Jay from North Carolina; Amos M. Kenworthy and Edward C. Young from Ohio; Jehu Jessup from Indiana; George E. Dillingham, Barclay Jones and John Y. Hoover from Iowa, and William Wetherald from Canada, who have presented satisfactory certificates from their respective meetings, expressing unity with them as ministers, and with their present prospect of religious service.

We have also the acceptable company of our dear friend Anna Potts, companion of Sarah B. Satterthwaite; Jane U. Ferris, companion of our friend Rebecca Collins; Phebe H. Kenworthy accompanying her husband Amos M. Kenworthy, and Henry A. Jepson, companion of John Y. Hoover, all of whom are furnished with certificates from their several meetings, expressing unity with them in their present engagement.

The presence of our dear friend from London Yearly Meeting, with others from various parts of our land, visiting us in the love of Christ, awakens a lively sense of gratitude to our Heavenly Father for His continued favors, and an earnest desire that the good seed they may be instrumental in sowing among us, may be received into honest and good hearts, and that having heard the word we may keep it, and bring forth much fruit to the praise of Him who is the Lord of the Harvest.

We would also extend a cordial greeting to all Friends from other Yearly Meetings, who are mingling with us at this time without certificates.

An interesting and touching epistle from the little band of Christian brothers and sisters in profession with us at Brumana,

Mt. Lebanon, has been read, and we refer it to our committee on correspondence, trusting that way may open in the love of our blessed Saviour, to send them a message of tender sympathy and encouragement.

The committee in charge of our Boarding School at Providence, report as follows, viz :—

SEE “ MEN’S MINUTES.”

Which has been read and accepted, and we appoint the following Friends, viz :—Dorcas B. Robinson, Esther Chase, Lydia C. Neal, Hannah B. Sawyer, Charity G. Chase, Susan T. Thompson, Jane C. Minott, S. Jane Cox. Lydia Haight, Abby S. Battey, Elizabeth S. Frye, Margaret B. Cates, Guilelma Purinton, Lydia E. Sawyer, Phebe P. Jones, and Harriet N. Jones, to unite with a committee of the Men’s Meeting, to nominate a committee for the necessary care of the institution the ensuing year, and report at a future sitting.

Communications being received from several religious societies in this city, kindly offering their meeting-houses to Friends during the day and evening of First-day, the 10th inst., we appoint Susan T. Thompson, Huldah M. Beede, Mary R. Jones, Anna G. Wood, Mary Alice Brown, Sarah F. Tobey, Hannah T. Jenkins, and Mary A. Smith, to join a committee of Men Friends in making suitable arrangements for such meetings, and for other religious meetings which may be held during the week. They are also requested to decide upon the time and place for the meetings of various committees.

Adjourned to meet on Second-day morning, the 11th instant, at 10 o’clock.

SECOND-DAY — MORNING, 6TH MONTH, 11TH.

Met near 10 o’clock.

The first three queries have been read, with answers from our Quarterly Meetings, and the want of faithfulness in maintaining some of our Christian testimonies, as thus brought to view, has elicited much expression of tender solicitude and loving counsel.

Adjourned to four o’clock this afternoon.

SECOND DAY — AFTERNOON.

Met according to adjournment.

The remaining Queries and Answers have been read with a Summary, prepared by the committee.

While our hearts have been saddened in noting deficiencies which we wish could be done away, let us not be discouraged, the Lord whom we desire to serve is mighty, and will give grace to every seeking soul. If we are found fulfilling the requirements of the first great commandment, "Thou shalt love the Lord, thy God, with all thy heart," and the second, which is like unto it, "Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself," there would not be that falling short in other respects which we observe in the answers to our Queries. The love that seeketh not her own, and is always kind, patient, hopeful, rejoicing in the truth, is the test of true discipleship, which our Saviour has given us—the Christian's Badge.

The spirit of condescension which flows from the love of Jesus is the sun-light of our homes, and makes personal sacrifice a joy; it strengthens and brightens the links of the family circle, causing parents and children to feel the blessedness of mutual concession of each other's preferences and prejudices, and it binds together the members of the Church militant, enabling them to yield every selfish desire while clinging loyally to Christ, and the things of His kingdom; it is an element of strength and not of weakness, preserving the Church from the bitterness of controversy, and causing her to grow, even as a lily among thorns.

In view of the requisition to train up our children in accordance with our Christian profession, the question has been asked: Do we all know what our Christian profession is? and would some of our children be so ignorant as they are of the practices and underlying principles of our religious Society, if parents were fully impressed with their truth, and watchful over their own lives and conversation, were prepared to enforce their precepts by the influence of a faithful example.

Is it the pious resolution of every Christian mother, "As for me and my house we will serve the Lord," praying that she may be kept from giving countenance, or aiding her children in any indulgences which may tend to stifle the gentle voice of the Holy Spirit in their hearts. As mothers receiving their strength and wisdom at the mercy-seat, are found gently restraining their children in very early life, and pleading with their sons in later years, when temptations surround them, the sisters also lending their loving influence, how rich may be the harvest. Is the mother receiving from the heavenly store-house that spirit of forbearance and tenderness whereby she may truly feed and nourish her little ones; is she

often found committing them upon the bended knee to the care of their Heavenly Father, and earnestly engaged to lead them into the same blessed communion. We fear there is sometimes too little freedom on the part of parents in giving expression to their feelings of deep religious interest on behalf of their children, the prayer prompted by the Holy Spirit, and calling for utterance is sometimes withheld, and the fulness of blessing promised to the faithful and obedient is not realized — the hungering children are not fed. “In the morning sow thy seed, and in the evening withhold not thy hand, for thou knowest not whether shall prosper either this or that, or whether they both shall be alike good.”

As many of our dear young sisters have come up hither to share in the sweet solemnities of this annual feast, they have been reminded that the only place of true safety, and of heavenly teaching is at the feet of their loving Lord, in a willingness to abide under His refining, to pass as through the fire, until they can bear a clear inscription of “Holiness unto the Lord,” dwelling where the petition arises from the depth of the heart, “Thou art the potter, we are the clay, fashion us according to Thy will, not according to our will, and may the polishing be the work of Thy own holy hand.”

Some of the dear young sisters may love Jesus a little, and long to love Him more, and the increase is to be known through humble, prayerful waiting upon Him who is the Fountain of Love. It is one thing to be willing in the day of God’s power, and another thing to understand that we are not yet thoroughly furnished, being led on from one degree of Christian experience to another.

Do all our dear young sisters sufficiently prize their privileges in these family meetings of our beloved Society, the only assemblies in which woman may enjoy the freedom to which she is entitled in the household of Christ. We are not, however, to prize our privileges merely to hold them, but to use them for our own spiritual growth, and to spread the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ, as He gives ability, and calls for our service.

If we speak of being redeemed by the precious blood of Christ, may we show forth in all we do, that our hearts have indeed known His cleansing, transforming power, that we are no longer our own, but living for Him who bought us, bringing forth the sweet fruits of His Spirit. If we are not thus prepared to exalt the name of Him whom we call our King and Saviour, we are not bringing a good

report of the land. If born into the kingdom of Christ, old things pass away, and all things become new. We lose our relish for worldly amusements, and gain a relish for whatever is pure, and elevating, and heavenly. If our hearts are filled with the love of Christ, we shall be unwilling to engage in any pursuit which will deprive us of His companionship, or indulge in any recreations, upon which we feel that He cannot look with approval, and upon which we cannot ask His blessing. Frivolous occupations and associations, fashionable amusements, fashionable attire, light reading, will all become distasteful to us, and under a real sense of our responsibility, we shall be found employing our gifts and exerting our influence in such a manner as to adorn the Christian doctrines we profess.

Touching allusion has been made to dear ones who were mingling with us at our last Yearly Meeting, actively engaged in the service of the Church, who have since been called from works to rewards, whose names have left a fragrance, and whose memory is sweet, and the lesson has been pressed home to us of our individual accountability for the manner in which we are fulfilling the daily claims of our stewardship. As we look back over other years, and consider how constantly there has been an addition to that cloud of witnesses, who have died in the Lord, and whose works do follow them, should we not seriously ask ourselves, are we coming up individually to our appointed places of usefulness. Instead of the mothers, are the daughters filling the positions they are called to occupy in the Church. As stones in the hand of the great Master Builder, are we ready to endure the squaring and the fitting for our respective services in the temple. We may be stones, but if out of place, none of us will conduce to the strength of the building.

Tender words of sympathy and of cheer have gone forth to dear burdened ones, bending under the weight of daily cares, having hidden sorrows not a few, for these the assurance has been revived that looking unto their Lord, "As their days their strength shall be." "There is none like unto the God of Jeshurun who rideth upon the heaven in thy help, the eternal God is thy refuge, and underneath are the everlasting arms." The world has no rest to offer, its pleasures have no peace, amid its changes there is nothing upon which we can set our hearts that shall endure, but in the Lord

Jesus Christ there is rest, there is peace, there are durable riches and unfailing joy.

A certificate on behalf of our dear Friend, Francis T. King, an Elder from Baltimore Yearly Meeting, has been received and read.

Adjourned to meet in joint session to-morrow morning at 10 o'clock.

THIRD-DAY — MORNING, 6TH MONTH, 12TH.

Met in joint session at 10 o'clock.

The Committee on General Meetings presented the following report, viz : —

SEE “ MEN’S MINUTES.”

which being read, was very interesting and encouraging to us, and believing that the meetings held under the care of this committee, have been a blessing to the church the past year, as in previous years, and feeling that the Lord will still bless these meetings as they continue to be held in the authority of Christ our Holy Head, we re-appoint the committee that served last year.

SEE “ MEN’S MINUTES.”

Our Quarterly Meetings are requested to appoint Committees to co-operate with the above Committee as heretofore.

The Committee to promote instruction in Bible Schools reported as follows, viz : —

SEE “ MEN’S MINUTES.”

which report exhibits a general, and we trust deepening interest in the study of the Holy Scriptures among our adult members, as well as children, and in compliance with the recommendation contained in the report, we appoint Samuel R. Buffinton, Ellen K. Buffum, John H. Crosman, Deborah W. Crosman, George Howland, Jr., Anna G. Wood, Henry F. Newell, Maria B. Jones, Richard Battey, Susan Ann Gifford, Stephen N. Taber, Mary E. Taber, Jacob K. Purinton, Lydia E. Jenkins, Joseph E. Briggs and Harriet N. Jones to nominate a committee for similar service the ensuing year.

The Committee on Secular Education have presented the following report, viz : —

SEE “ MEN’S MINUTES.”

We appreciate the attention which our Committee have given

this important subject, and would urge parents and others having the care of children, to a hearty co-operation in seeking to provide for them ample educational advantages in schools under the controlling religious influence of Friends, and we direct that the sum of \$50.00, remaining unexpended of last year's appropriation, be left at the disposal of the committee that may be appointed for the ensuing year, and the nominating committee in reference to Bible Schools are requested to present at a future sitting, the names of suitable persons to constitute a committee on Secular Education.

Adjourned to meet in joint session this afternoon at 4 o'clock.

THIRD-DAY — AFTERNOON.

Met pursuant to adjournment.

The Committee on Foreign Missions have presented the following report, viz :—

SEE "MEN'S MINUTES."

which has been read and accepted. The information which the committee has thus been enabled to lay before us respecting the fruit of Christian labor in Syria, on the part of English and American Friends, is of deep interest, and we desire that all may be stimulated to a faithful discharge of whatever service, in this direction, the Lord of the Harvest may call for at our hands.

The same committee, with the exception of Ellen L. Congdon, removed from within the limits of this Yearly Meeting, and the addition of Sarah F. Tobey and Eliza P. Varney, is continued for service the coming year.

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The committee appointed last year to extend care, counsel and encouragement to meetings and individuals in this Yearly Meeting as they may be drawn in the love of the Gospel, have presented the following report, viz :—

SEE "MEN'S MINUTES."

which was read and is satisfactory and encouraging, and we continue the same committee with the exception of Phebe S. Gifford, removed from within the limits of this Yearly Meeting, and the addition of Rebecca H. Smiley.

SEE "MEN'S MINUTES."

The Committee to whom was committed the concern of this

meeting for the improvement of the Penobscot and Passamaquoddy Indians, made the following report, viz :—

SEE “ MEN’S MINUTES.”

which was satisfactory, and the sum of \$100.00 is placed at their disposal. We continue the same committee with the exception of our dear friend Edward Earle, deceased, and the addition of Edward S. Hacker.

SEE “ MEN’S MINUTES.”

Adjourned to meet in separate sessions to-morrow morning, at 10 o’clock.

FOURTH-DAY — MORNING, 6TH MONTH, 13TH.

Met according to adjournment.

Essays and epistles to North Carolina, Kansas, Western, and Iowa Yearly Meetings have been read and approved.

The Committee for the disbursement of H. H. Mosher Fund, report as follows, viz :—

SEE “ MEN’S MINUTES.”

Which has been read and accepted.

We approve the selection of books made by the committee, and it is gratifying to find that they have found appreciative readers among those not conversant with our Christian views. We continue the committee that served last year, with the exception of Harriet N. Jones, in place of Phebe S. Gifford, removed from this Yearly Meeting.

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The following table of statistics from our Quarterly Meetings has been read, viz :—

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We approve the following proposition from Salem Quarterly Meeting, viz :—

SEE “ MEN’S MINUTES.”

We also approve the following proposition from Vassalboro Quarterly Meeting, viz :—

SEE “ MEN’S MINUTES.”

Adjourned to four o’clock this afternoon.

FOURTH DAY — AFTERNOON.

Met according to adjournment.

Essays of epistles to our sisters of Indiana and Canada have been read and approved.

The committee to carry out the the concern of this meeting for the improvement of Indian Tribes west of the Mississippi River, have made their annual report, which is as follows, viz : —

SEE “ MEN’S MINUTES.”

Which has been read, and is truly encouraging. We reappoint the committee which has served so faithfully the past year, with the exception of Edward Earle and Amos D. Purinton, who have been removed by death, and we desire the committee may feel assured of our continued prayerful sympathy and hearty co-operation.

SEE “ MEN’S MINUTES.”

The joint committee to present names to constitute committees on Secular Education and Bible Schools, present the following, viz :

SEE “ MEN’S MINUTES.”

The committee also recommend an appropriation of two hundred dollars for Bible Schools, all of which is approved by this meeting.

The following Minute and Summary of the Answers to the Queries form the Meeting of Ministers and Elders, has been read, viz :—

SEE “ MEN’S MINUTES.”

The following proposition from the Committee on Foreign Missions has been approved, viz :—

SEE “ MEN’S MINUTES.”

The men’s epistle from North Carolina contained the following proposition, viz :—

SEE “ MEN’S MINUTES.”

Which claiming our serious consideration, we conclude to appoint our friends, Gertrude W. Cartland, Rebecca H. Smiley, Dorcas B. Robinson, Hannah J. Bailey, Sarah A. Holmes, Gulielma Freeborn, Anabella E. Winn, and Mary R. Jones, to unite with a committee of Men Friends in considering the subject, and report at our next session.

A communication has been received from the committee on Foreign Missions of Indiana Yearly Meeting, which has been read and referred to the same committee.

Adjourned to three o'clock to-morrow afternoon.

FIFTH-DAY — AFTERNOON, 6TH MONTH, 14TH.

Met at three o'clock.

The committee to carry out the concern of this meeting on behalf of the Freedmen, report as follows, viz:—

SEE “ MEN’S MINUTES.”

Which indicates faithful service on the part of the committee, and encouraging results from their labors. We continue the same committee, with the exception of Timothy K. Earle, in the place of Edward Earle, deceased. The unremitting labors of our dear friend, Edward Earle, and his liberal expenditure of time and means, ever since this field of philanthropic services has been opened, call for our grateful acknowledgment, and while we deeply lament his loss, we rejoice that the fruit of his earnest loving labors for the hungry, the naked, and the down-trodden, will ever remain as a living and fresh memorial.

The minutes of the Representative Meeting have been read and approved, with the exception of the proposition from Salem Monthly Meeting, which is continued another year.

The Representatives present the following names to constitute a Representatives Meeting, which we approve, viz:—

SEE “ MEN’S MINUTES.”

The report of the Committee on Peace has been read, and is as follows, viz:—

SEE “ MEN’S MINUTES.”

We reappoint the committee of last year, with the exception of Edward Y. Austin, encouraging them to renewed and prayerful effort in a work of such vital bearing upon the interests of humanity. While we have great cause of thankfulness, that of late years differences arising between our own and foreign nations have been amicably and satisfactorily adjusted by arbitration, the present warlike aspect of Eastern Europe with its threatening complications, appeals strongly to every one of us, as professed followers of the Prince of Peace, for earnest effort to inculcate Christian views upon

this subject, and thus awaken a public sentiment which shall make war an impossibility.

The Committee on Temperance have presented the following report, viz :—

SEE “ MEN’S MINUTES.”

Which has been read and accepted, with abridgement and changes recommended by Men Friends, and we believe the efforts of this committee and of all who are laboring with Christian earnestness and love to suppress the use and traffic in spirituous liquors, will not be in vain, but under the divine blessing the fruit of their labors will be increasingly manifest. We reappoint the same committee, with the exception of Charles R. Tucker, deceased, and Phebe S. Gifford, removed.

Essays of epistles to our sisters of New York, Ohio, Dublin, Baltimore and London, have been read and approved. The clerk is directed to sign them on behalf of this meeting, with those read at previous sessions and forward them to their respective meetings. The clerk is also requested to append her signature to the epistle prepared by Men Friends for the little meeting at Brumana, Mt. Lebanon, which has been read in this meeting.

The clerk is authorized to cause the minutes of this meeting to be published with those of Men Friends, for distribution among our members.

The clerk is authorized to sign on our behalf the following minute for our Friend, Sarah B. Satterthwaite, viz :—“ Our beloved friend, Sarah B. Satterthwaite, attended this meeting, her company and religious services have been acceptable to us ;” and similar ones for our friends, Rebecca Collins, Seneca H. Stevens, Thomas W. Ladd, Samuel Miles, Deborah C. Thomas, Allen Jay, Amos M. Kenworthy, Edward C. Young, Jehu Jessup, George E. Dillingham, Barclay Jones, John Y. Hoover and William Wetherald.

The clerk is also directed to sign on our behalf the following minute for our friend, Jane U. Ferris, viz :—“ Our beloved friend, Jane U. Ferris, acceptably attended this meeting,” and similar ones for our friends, Anna Potts, Phebe H. Kenworthy, and Henry A. Jepson.

The committee to nominate Friends to take charge of our Boarding School the ensuing year, present the following, who are approved, viz :—

SEE " MEN'S MINUTES."

The Clerk is directed to sign on our behalf the following minute of thanks to the City Government and citizens of Portland, viz :—

SEE " MEN'S MINUTES."

We have received the following report from the committee appointed this morning to consider mission work in the Southern States, and the proposition from Indiana, viz :—

SEE " MEN'S MINUTES."

We decide not to publish this year, the epistles from other Yearly Meetings, but to appropriate the cost to mission work in North Carolina and other parts of the South, and that committee is authorized to draw upon the Treasurer of the Yearly Meeting to the amount of \$30.00.

In closing the business of this Yearly Meeting, we acknowledge with reverence, the keeping, guiding, controlling power of our Lord, in gracious answer to the prayers of his children uttered and unexpressed. May Christ by his spirit, seal upon our hearts the holy lessons of these days, in which we have thus being permitted to mingle together, that we may be more and more established, strengthened and settled in a christian life, steadfast in loving allegiance to our Lord, and always abounding in his work.

We separate in love, intending if our Heavenly Father permits, to meet in Newport, R. I. at the usual time next year.

Signed on behalf of the Meeting,

GERTRUDE W. CARTLAND, *Clerk.*

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OF
FRIENDS FOR NEW ENGLAND.

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MINUTES.

1. At the Yearly Meeting of Friends, for New England, held at Newport, R. I., commencing on Seventh-day, Sixth Month 15th, 1878.

2. By the Reports received from our several Quarterly Meetings, it appears that the following named Friends have been appointed Representatives to this Meeting, viz :—

FROM RHODE ISLAND—Allen Jay, Stephen Chace, Abner Slade, Jacob Mott, Hiram Buffinton, James Dennis, Benjamin Buffum, Albert K. Smiley, Obadiah Chace, Peter H. Collins, Charles W. Earle and Nathan Chace.

FROM SALEM—John Paige, Daniel Beede, Moses Huntington, William O. Newhall, Moses F. Rogers, Joseph Cartland, Owen Dame, Augustine Jones, John H. Crosman, Thomas Folsom, Joel H. Davis and Charles H. Thorndike.

FROM SANDWICH — George Howland, Jr., Edward W. Howland, Josiah Holmes, Jr., Jonathan Boyce, William Thompson Joseph Ewer, John F. Tucker, John A. Macomber, Robert Earle, Charles Fisher, Moses Smith, Henry T. Wood, Gideon Gifford, William C. Taber and David K. Akin.

FROM FALMOUTH—George Douglas, Lemuel Jones, Augustus F. Cox, Timothy Hanson, Calvin S. Goddard, Charles A. Nichols, John J. Frye and J. Hacker Hall.

FROM SMITHFIELD — Timothy K. Earle, Alfred Briggs, Richard Battey, Thomas Grover and Paul A. Randall.

FROM VASSALBORO—Eli Jones, Stephen Jones, Thomas B. Nichols, Hartwell A. Jenkins, Charles B. Cates, John Frye, Alfred H. Jones, Ebenezer Frye and John A. Frye.

FROM DOVER — Jacob K. Purinton, Joseph H. Pratt, Timothy B. Hussey, Oliver Meader, Daniel Meader, Ira T. Jenkins and Tobias Meader.

FROM FAIRFIELD—Levi Jones, Henry Winslow, Joseph E. Briggs, Moses Bailey, George Richardson, Reuben T. Jones, Joseph Taylor and Paul Wing.

Whose names being called they are all present except seven, for the absence of six of whom, satisfactory reasons have been assigned.

3. We have at this time the acceptable company of our beloved friends, Amos M. Kenworthy and Jacob Baker, from Ohio Yearly Meeting; Elkanah Beard and John P. Pennington, from Indiana Yearly Meeting, and John F. Hanson, from Iowa Yearly Meeting, who have presented satisfactory testimonials from their respective meetings, expressive of unity with them as Ministers, and with their present religious engagements.

4. We have also the acceptable company of William P. Hastings, who has presented a minute from members of the Missionary Board of North Carolina Yearly Meeting, stating that he is a Minister of the Society of Friends in unity, and that they approve of his present engagement on behalf of the Freedmen.

5. Very acceptable Epistles from the Yearly Meetings of London, Ireland, New York, Baltimore, North Carolina, Ohio and Indiana, were now read.

6. The Clerk informed the Meeting that he had received two documents, purporting to be Epistles from Western Yearly Meeting of Friends. After a time of serious consideration, it was concluded to refer both papers to the following named Friends, and they are desired to report their judgment thereon at a future sitting, viz: William C. Taber, Joseph Cartland, Eli Jones, Stephen Jones, Edward W. Howland, Allen Jay and Jacob K. Purinton.

7. The Epistle from Kansas Yearly Meeting for 1876, which was not received till after the rise of this Yearly Meeting last year, has now been read; also, the Epistle from that Yearly Meeting of last year; and an Epistle from the Monthly Meeting of Friends at Brumana, Mount Lebanon, Syria. These Epistles of brotherly love and regard from our distant brethren have afresh comforted us, and we conclude to set apart the following Friends to prepare, as way may open, Essays of reply thereto, also to the Yearly Meetings of Iowa and Canada, from which no Epistles have been received this year, viz: Eli Jones, Alfred H. Jones, George Howland, Jr., Thomas B. Nichols, Albert K. Smiley, John F. Tucker, Silas H. Cartland, Joseph Cartland, Josiah Holmes, Jr., William Thompson, Joseph Taylor, Charles H. Thorndike, Timothy B. Hussey, William C. Taber, J. W. Jacob, Henry T. Wood, Timothy K. Earle, Charles M. Jones, Allen Jay, Samuel R. Buffinton, Charles B. Cates, Matthew Howland, Benjamin F. Knowles, Richard Battey and Owen Dame.

8. Our Quarterly Meetings all report that they have paid, or directed their Treasurers to pay, to the Treasurer of this Meeting, their respective proportions of Yearly Meeting stock.

Adjourned to 4 o'clock this afternoon.

AFTERNOON. — Met pursuant to adjournment.

9. George Howland, Jr., on behalf of the Representatives, informed the Meeting that they were united in proposing William O. Newhall for Clerk, and Henry T. Wood and Timothy B. Hussey for Assistant Clerks; which nominations being severally approved, they are appointed to that service for the ensuing year.

10. We have at this time the acceptable company of our beloved friends, S. Elizabeth Malleeson, from New York Yearly Meeting; Elizabeth L. Comstock, from Ohio Yearly Meeting; Hannah Arnett, Irena S. Beard and Alida Clark, from Indiana Yearly Meeting, who have presented satisfactory testimonials from their respective Meetings, expressive of unity with them as Ministers, and with their present religious engagements.

11. Our beloved friend Mary White, an Elder, with a minute of unity from Edinburgh Two Months' Meeting, London Yearly Meeting, dated 11th of Fifth Month, 1878, is also in attendance of this Meeting, she being on her way to join, as companion, our dear friend Sarah B. Satterthwaite, from England, who is now on a religious visit in America, during such portion of her remaining visit as may seem desirable. We give her a cordial welcome to our land.

12. Phebe H. Kenworthy, an Elder, accompanying her husband, Amos M. Kenworthy, with a minute from Columbus Monthly Meeting, Ohio, and Phebe T. Underhill, companion to our friend Elizabeth L. Comstock, with a minute from Baltimore Monthly Meeting, are also acceptably in attendance of this Meeting.

13. The following changes have occurred in our several Quarterly Meetings, during the past year, as reported in their accounts to this Meeting, viz :

Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting reports that it has united with Greenwich Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Edward Buffinton and Rhoda H. Buffinton to the station of Elder, and with Swansea Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Samuel R. Buffinton to the same station; and with the same Meeting in acknowledging the gift and approving the public ministry of Rebecca Anthony. It has

united with South Kingstown Monthly Meeting in establishing a Preparative Meeting of Ministers and Elders, within the limits of that Monthly Meeting, to be held on Seventh-day previous to the holding of the Monthly Meeting at Peacedale, in the Fourth and Seventh Months, and at Hopkinton in the Tenth and First Months, at 2 o'clock in the afternoon. Elizabeth Peckham, a Minister, and member of South Kingstown Monthly Meeting, deceased 3d Month 1st, 1878, aged 85 years, 3 months and 22 days.

Salem Quarterly Meeting reports that it has united with Salem Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Alvin Hoag to the station of Elder; and that Edward Gove, a Minister and member of Seabrook Monthly Meeting, deceased 9th Month 3d, 1877, aged 84 years, 11 months and 18 days.

Sandwich Quarterly Meeting reports that Jabez Wood has been released from the station of Elder by New Bedford Monthly Meeting; that Lydia Congdon, an Elder and member of the same Meeting, deceased 7th Month 9th, 1877, aged 83 years, 10 months and 22 days; also, that Eliza C. Davis, an Elder and member of that Meeting, deceased 11th Month 26th, 1877, aged 78 years, 9 months and 1 day.

Falmouth Quarterly Meeting reports that it has united with Falmouth Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Nathaniel Hawkes to the station of Elder; and with Windham Monthly Meeting in the appointment of John Douglas; and with Limington Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Sarah W. Leonard to the same station; and that Windham Monthly Meeting has withdrawn its approval of the ministry of Amos Hanson.

Smithfield Quarterly Meeting reports that Elizabeth A. Osborne, an Elder and member of Smithfield Monthly Meeting, deceased 4th Month 22d, 1878, aged 91 years, 4 months and 4 days.

Vassalboro Quarterly Meeting reports that it has united with Vassalboro Monthly Meeting in acknowledging the gift and approving the public ministry of Dorcas B. Smiley, Eliza P. Gardner and Rachel B. Nichols, and in the appointment of Content W. Pope to the station of Elder; also, that it has united with China Monthly Meeting in acknowledging the gift and approving the public ministry of Mary G. Jones.

Dover Quarterly Meeting reports that it has united with Dover Monthly Meeting in acknowledging the gift and approving the public ministry of Mary H. Morrell, and in the appointment of Horatio S. Morrell, Eli Page, Ira T. Jenkins, Mary D. Page and Lydia E.

Jenkins, to the station of Elder; and with Sandwich Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Otis Meader and Elizabeth G. Meader to the same station.

Fairfield Quarterly Meeting reports that it has united with Litchfield Monthly Meeting in acknowledging the gift and approving the public ministry of Charles M. Jones, and in the appointment of Levi Jones, Moses Briggs and Joseph E. Briggs to the station of Elder; and with St. Albans Monthly Meeting in acknowledging the gift and approving the public ministry of Lindley H. Magoon; that Sarah W. Farr, a Minister and member of Litchfield Monthly Meeting, deceased 12th Month 30th, 1877, aged 59 years, 6 months and 24 days; and Mary Ann Bailey, an Elder and member of the same Meeting, deceased 1st Month 1st, 1878, aged 66 years, 9 months and 19 days.

14. The following statistical information has been received from our several Quarterly Meetings, viz:

	Births.	Deaths.	Moved into.	Moved out.	Admitted.	Released.	Present Number.	
Rhode Island	2	10	8	9	24	1	675	Gain . . 8
Salem	3	9	14	8	5	8	684	Gain . . 3
Sandwich	2	14	5	2	8	2	754	Loss . . 15
Falmouth	7	8	8	13	35	3	578	Gain . . 38
Smithfield	1	5	4	6	5	2	445	Loss . . 9
Vassalboro	3	6	4	7	10	2	524	Gain . . 7
Dover	2	9	6	6	4	1	333	No change.
Fairfield	4	9	2	4	19	3	453	Gain . . 7
Total.	24	70	51	55	110	22	4446	Gain . . 39

15. We appoint our friends Thomas B. Buffum, John H. Crossman, Matthew Howland, Lemuel Jones, Richard Battey, Alfred H. Jones, Jacob K. Purinton and Levi Jones, to prepare a summary of the answers to the Queries received from the Quarterly Meetings, and present it at our next sitting.

16. We appoint Samuel R. Buffinton, Owen Dame, Matthew Howland, George Douglas, Timothy K. Earle, Charles B. Cates, Tobias Meader and Reuben T. Jones, a Committee to audit and settle the accounts of the Treasurer of this meeting, to the present date; to propose a sum to be raised sufficient to defray the expenses of the meeting the ensuing year; and to propose the name of a Friend for

Treasurer, also the name of a Friend for Treasurer of the Boarding School Fund, and report at a future sitting.

17. The Committee having charge of the Boarding School at Providence presented their Annual Report, which, having been read and seriously considered, is satisfactory to the meeting, and the Friends now under appointment, with the exception of our late friend George L. Collins, are continued for the ensuing year.

BOARDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

Benjamin Buffum,	Ellen K. Buffum,
Charles F. Coffin,	Ann Maria Coffin,
George Howland, Jr.,	Sylvia G. Howland,
Edward W. Howland,	Ann B. Earle,
Moses Bailey,	Hannah J. Bailey,
William C. Taber,	Ann K. Colton,
Timothy B. Hussey,	Hannah B. Sawyer,
Timothy K. Earle,	Laura L. Collins,
Samuel R. Buffinton,	Lydia Haight,
Henry T. Wood,	Rebecca C. Grinnell,
Augustine Jones,	Anna G. Wood,
Richard Battey,	Deborah W. Crosman,
William C. Munroe,	Abby S. Battey,
Thomas B. Nichols,	Elizabeth H. Austin,
Augustus F. Cox,	Sarah F. Tobey,
	Esther Jones.

REPORT OF THE BOARDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

TO THE YEARLY MEETING:

In presenting their Annual Report, the Committee in charge of the Boarding School, at Providence, have the satisfaction of reiterating the statement of former years, that the school has received their attention, and that it has maintained its previous standard of efficiency and of high moral and intellectual culture.

The health of the family was unusually good until after the recess in the Second Month, when a mild case of scarlet fever and one of measles occurred, and although strenuous efforts were made to prevent the spread of the disease, the efforts did not prove entirely successful, as several cases soon followed. Quite a number of the scholars were in consequence withdrawn, which tended to produce an unsettling effect upon the school. The responsibility brought upon the Principal and officers was for a time very heavy, but they were favored to act wisely and judiciously. Ten of the pupils had the fever at the school and five or six others at their homes; while of the measles there were two cases at the school and one at home.

The school was continued, and the classes (particularly that of the seniors) proceeded without serious interruption. The Committee feel that they have cause for gratitude, that no serious illness or death has occurred.

In order sooner and more effectually to remove all cause of apprehension from the minds of the scholars and their friends, some rooms admirably adapted to the purpose, located in a building near the school-house were prepared for the use of the then remaining patients, to which as soon as their condition would warrant, they were transferred, and the house thoroughly disinfected, since which all vestiges of disease have passed away.

The attendance of the children of Friends has been unusually large, reaching ninety-five from New England and twenty-five from other Yearly Meetings, nearly all of whom remained through the year.

The Committee would reverently acknowledge that the religious interest which for some time has prevailed in the school has deepened during the past winter, and we have reason to believe that many young hearts have yielded to the loving invitation of the Saviour, and have consecrated their life and service to Him.

The Meetings for Religious Worship on First and Fourth-days have been continued as heretofore, and evidence has not been wanting that a goodly number of the scholars have been engaged to worship in spirit and in truth.

As a result of the religious and moral tone of the school, we are gratified to inform the Yearly Meeting, that more than two-thirds of the scholars, imbued with the love of their Heavenly Father and with an earnest desire for their mutual benefit, have, of their own accord, organized themselves into temperance societies (one on each side of the house), holding bi-monthly meetings, having lectures and addresses from some of their own number, and occasionally from others, and have, (with few exceptions,) taken the triple pledge—to abstain from the use of spirituous liquors, from tobacco, and from profane language—thus saying to those around them, “We believe this to be the way, and we will walk in it.”

The harmony and home-like feeling which pervade the school are in the highest degree satisfactory.

The plotting of the school premises, referred to in our report last year, has been accomplished, presenting a view of the entire premises with avenues and streets marked thereon, which has been adopted by the Committee, a copy of which is attached to and made a part of our records. The names of the several avenues and streets have been adopted, subject however to change if circumstances require it, it being understood that the premises reserved for the use of the school shall be that portion included between Moses Brown, Alumni, Pennington and Lloyd Avenues, an area of about 16 1-4 acres, of which no part shall at present be offered for sale.

The Sub-Committee on sale of land etc., having the matter in charge, is authorized, if in its judgment it is expedient, to lay out, grade and com-

plete, the avenues surrounding the reserved school premises, to curb the sidewalk upon the school side of said avenues, and properly enclose the reserved premises. They are also required in the future sale of lots to restrict the purchaser to the following conditions:—No building to be placed nearer the line of the street than twenty feet; the cost of the structure to be not less than \$8,000; no building or structure upon any part of the premises to be used for the sale of spirituous liquors. One lot only has been sold since our last report.

From the account of the Treasurer of the School Fund, we find that he has received as

Income from the General Fund	\$5,632 75	
From the Treasurer of the Yearly Meeting—income on bonds, proceeds of land sold	272 03	
From returned premium of insurance	298 25	
Balance due the Treasurer	43 97	
	<u> </u>	\$6,247 00

PAYMENTS.

Paid insurance on the property	\$512 50	
Paid A. K. Smiley, Principal, on behalf of the school	5,734 50	
	<u> </u>	\$6,247 00

FROM THE CHARITABLE FUND.

Balance on hand last year	\$990 75	
Income from the fund	2,263 12	
	<u> </u>	\$3,253 87

PAYMENTS.

School bills for 23 scholars	\$2,125 00	
Balance in Treasurer's hands	1,128 87	
	<u> </u>	\$3,253 87

The accounts of the Principal of the school show the following items of receipt and expenditure:—

RECEIPTS.

Income from the fund	\$5,690 53	
Income from board and tuition	36,474 00	
	<u> </u>	\$42,164 53

EXPENDITURES.

Salaries	\$13,857 50	
Wages	5,837 88	
Provisions	13,478 67	
Fuel and light	2,211 80	
Water	297 10	
Repairs and replacements	5,021 44	
Incidentals, including periodicals, additions to library, medicines, etc.	431 42	
Balance of profits remaining	1,028 72	
	<u> </u>	\$42,164 53

In the hands of the Treasurer of the Yearly Meeting, subject to the direction of the Committee.

1877.

6 mo. 20.	Balance from old account	\$1,463 88
6 mo. 20.	Received from sale of land	8,525 37
8 mo. 20.	Received from sale of land	4,687 50
9 mo. 12.	Received from A. K. Smiley	1,309 38
12 mo. 1.	Rec'd from coupons Gov't bonds . \$135 00	
	Premium on gold	1 03
		<u>136 03</u>

1878.

3 mo. 1.	Rec'd from coupons Gov't bonds . \$135 00	
	Premium on gold	1 00
		<u>136 00</u>
5 mo. 30.	Received from interest temporary loan .	27 63
6 mo. 1.	Received from dividend Five Cts. Bank .	7 55
		<u>\$16,293 34</u>

1877.

6 mo. 21.	Paid S. Nightingale, brokerage	\$42 62
8 mo. 23.	Paid for \$12,000 Gov't 4 1-2 per ct. bonds	12,844 50
9 mo. 7.	Paid S. Nightingale, brokerage	23 44
9 mo. 7.	Amount deposited in Five Cents Savings Bank, N. Bedford	302 31

1878.

3 mo. 1.	Paid Thos. Harkness, Treasurer, income of bonds	272 03
4 mo. 3.	Paid Wm. S. Haines, by order of Com. .	240 38
6 mo. 1.	Balance, subject to order of Committee* .	2,568 06
		<u>\$16,293 34</u>

The following list comprises the names of the officers and teachers for the year which will close on the 25th inst :

Albert K. Smiley, Principal.

Daniel C. Maxfield, Governor and Teacher of English branches.

Thomas J. Battey, Teacher of Natural Sciences.

John M. Potter, Teacher of Mathematics.

Francis B. Gummere, Teacher of German and English branches.

Seth K. Gifford, Teacher of Latin and Greek.

Rebecca H. Smiley, Principal of Female Department.

Susan S Moore, Governess and Teacher of English branches.

Bessie T. Wing, Teacher of French, History and Literature.

Martha G. Read, Teacher of Mathematics.

Mary Amy Collins and S. Elma Winslow, Teachers of English branches.

Antoinette A. Bassett, Teacher of Drawing and Painting.

Allen Jay, Clerk and Accountant.

* At the meeting of the Committee, 6th Month 4, the Treasurer of the Yearly Meeting was requested to pay to A. K. Smiley the balance in his hands, to be appropriated to the payment of the tax upon the property.

We propose that the charges for board and tuition remain as last year, viz:—

For members of our Yearly Meeting, per annum	\$100 00
For members of other Yearly Meetings, or when one or both parents are members of our religious society, or for scholars sent at the expense of such	190 00
For all others who may be admitted	300 00

One-half payable at the commencement of the year, and one-half at the opening after recess.

An additional charge of ten dollars each to be made for one year's instruction in Greek, Latin, French, German or Drawing.

On behalf and by direction of the Committee.

GEORGE HOWLAND, JR., *Clerk*.

BOARDING SCHOOL,
Providence, 6th Month 4th, 1878.

NOTE.—The Autumn term begins 9th Mo. 4th, 1878, and closes 1st Mo. 22d, 1879. Winter recess begins 1st Mo. 22d, 1879, and closes 2d Mo. 5th, 1879. The Spring term begins 2d Mo. 5th, 1879, and closes 6th Mo. 23d, 1879.

Applications for admission to the school should be made seasonably for the meeting of the Committee on the 30th of Seventh Month next.

Those who are members of our Yearly Meeting will have precedence of all others to that date; after which applications will be acted upon in the order in which they are received. Those who desire the benefit of the charitable funds should apply at the time specified.

All applications should be sent to the Principal. Address, ALBERT K. SMILEY, Friends' Boarding School, Providence, R. I.

Adjourned to 10 o'clock, Second-day morning the 17th.

SECOND-DAY MORNING, THE 17TH.

The Meeting again assembled. Representatives present except nine.

18. The following summary of the Answers to the Queries from the Yearly Meeting of Ministers and Elders, together with a Minute of that Meeting, were laid before this Meeting and read; viz:—

ANSWERS TO THE QUERIES OF THE MEETING OF MINISTERS AND ELDERS.

ANS. 1. Ministers and Elders are diligent in attending their meetings for worship and discipline, with few exceptions, and careful to promote the attendance of their families.

ANS. 2. With some exceptions from three meetings, in regard to love and unity, Ministers and Elders have their conversation clean and blameless among men, harmoniously laboring together for the honor of truth.

ANS. 3. They are careful to rule their own houses well, and endeavor by example and precept to train up their families in a religious life and conversation consistent with our Christian profession.

ANS. 4. Except in a few instances. Ministers and Elders are preserved in love, administering encouragement or counsel, as occasion requires, in reference to ministry or conduct.

MINUTE OF THE YEARLY MEETING OF MINISTERS AND ELDERS, SIXTH MONTH, 1878.

Whilst engaged in the deeply interesting and important investigation of the condition of this branch of the church, we find with sorrow that deficiencies still exist. We were forcibly reminded that a thorough individual search is needful, that we may fully understand how far the responsibility rests on us.

True humility before the Lord, ever remembering that help comes only from Him, is a situation in which we will be able to put up availing petitions for an increase of pure love to Him, and one unto another, and enable us to hold out the inviting language, "Come follow us as we follow Christ." Our hearts are filled with desire yet more fully to heed the injunction, "Be ye clean that bear the vessels of the Lord;" that we may be found watching over one another for good and witness an abounding of that "charity which thinketh no evil." May each one of us, whether Minister or Elder, be so firmly established on the sure foundation, that we may be ensamples to the flock, ever careful not to remove the ancient landmarks, but to strengthen one another's hands in every good word and work.

On behalf of the meeting.

JOHN PAIGE, *Clerk.*

19. The Records of the Representative Meeting were now read, and the proceedings of that Meeting are approved by the Yearly Meeting.

20. This Meeting having been informed that the present edition of our "Book of Discipline" is nearly exhausted, we appoint George Howland, Jr. and Henry T. Wood a Committee to cause an edition of five hundred copies to be printed, with such additional Rules of Discipline as have been adopted by this Meeting since the last publication, draw on the Treasury of the Yearly Meeting for the expense thereof, and place the edition in the hands of the Treasurer of this Meeting, to be offered by him for sale at fifty cents per copy.

21. The Meeting now entered upon a consideration of the state of Society, as presented by the answers to the Queries from our several Quarterly Meetings, proceeding therein through the First, after which much pertinent counsel and advice were handed forth by concerned brethren ; when the Meeting adjourned to 4 o'clock this afternoon.

AFTERNOON — Assembled pursuant to adjournment.

22. The consideration of the state of Society was resumed. In this important engagement we were made reverently thankful for the solemn covering spread over us, and the evidence graciously afforded, that faithful servants were qualified to impart salutary and encouraging counsel, advice and warning. In reference to our meeting together for Public Worship, we were reminded that in our mode of worship there exists the peculiar element, of a united participation in the service, all having the privilege of taking part for themselves, each drawing nigh unto God and uniting for His blessing. Without any set form of worship, we ought ever to realize that with us there is the largest liberty, meeting together as a common body on a common platform, our minds drawn out, one with and for another, linked together in an earnest, united desire for a blessing, we shall realize that His presence by His Spirit is with those who truly meet in His name, as He promised "There am I in the midst of them ;" so meeting, we shall, when we separate, be able to say that it has been good for us to have been together. May we prize the privilege which is ours, of drawing nigh unto God early in our assembling together, to wait upon and worship Him. Observation and experience teach, that they who go to Meeting with the Spirit of the Master will be ready at the earliest call to do His bidding.

The power of the Lord is often felt early in the Meeting ; and at times even before entering the house. Our Heavenly Father does not hesitate to call his children to service, but is ever ready to use us in His cause ; and what a blessing, that we are called to be as mouth-piece for Him to the people. Do not go to Meeting a blank ; a deep introversion of soul, before going to Meeting, is a fitting qualification for service. A concern was felt for the extension of the Lord's Kingdom within our borders, and the prayer ascended — that the Lord Jesus Christ Himself, might be our all-sufficient helper in every good work and service for Him. If those who speak in His name are not worshippers at home and in their daily life, they cannot expect to labor availingly with the people.

We were exhorted to take home with us the exercise of this Meeting, and convey to the absent ones the voice of the Church, which is saying, "Come and help us. Come and help us in our service for the Lord, for we can testify that it is a blessed service."

It behooves us to avail ourselves of the services of our younger members. Many of these have a zeal for the Lord of Hosts. The young men with large minds and warm hearts are needed in our Church, and a place must be found for them, else they may find a home or a field of labor somewhere away from our fold. May the men of God say to each one of these, our younger members, "There is with us a field of service for thee." We were entreated to be very tender and careful of young converts. If they feel that they have the warm, sympathetic love and countenance of their older brethren, they will be cheered and strengthened, without it they may wither and die, and so be lost to the Church and the world. May we ever appreciate the value of silent waiting upon the Lord, and of offering secret prayer to Him, for many can testify that he has often been nearest to them in the devotion of the closet. No time is to be counted lost in which we wait before the Throne of Grace. Love to God and one to another is binding upon all as professing Christians, if our hearts are filled with love, it will prevent us from saying anything that will disparage the character of a brother, there will be no room for detraction. Love to God and love to one another are ever found to exist together and are the clothing of the spirit of every true follower of Christ. God is love and they that dwell in God dwell in love. As this is our blessed condition, detraction and tale-bearing will no more be known among us, the tongue will be bridled and we shall feel religiously restrained from speaking evil one of another. Fathers were impressively reminded that when they have access to the Throne of Grace, there is the place to bring their children. We can present them in prayer, if we have failed in this direction let us seek for Grace to help that in future we may be more faithful. Fathers still pray for your sons and for your daughters.

We were warned of the certain tendency and poisonous character of many of the publications of the present day, which are calculated to draw the minds of the young from the love of reading good books and above all of the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make wise unto salvation through faith that is in Christ Jesus. Encourage the young to study the past history of our Society and its present organization and they will find that our system is nearer the Gospel standard than

any other. Disciplinarians have their service, Evangelists have theirs ; as each keeps to his proper line of duty he will prosper and be an efficient laborer in His cause.

We were encouraged to increased diligence in the faithful maintenance of all our Christian testimonies and earnest desires were expressed that we might manifest by our life and conversation that we are the followers of a crucified and risen Saviour.

SUMMARY ANSWERS.

ANS. 1. All our Meetings for religious worship and discipline have been regularly held, with the exception of twenty-three definitely stated, while one Quarterly Meeting reports a few omissions ; satisfactory reasons being assigned for not holding a part of them, with some care taken. Meetings on First-day morning are attended by a large proportion of our members, while those in the afternoon and middle of the week are more neglected. The hour is nearly observed. Friends are mostly clear of unbecoming behavior.

ANS. 2. Love and unity appear to be maintained by most Friends. Detraction guarded against with little exception. Care is taken to end differences when they appear.

ANS. 3. Most Friends are concerned to maintain a religious life and conversation ; and with few exceptions, those who have children or others under their care, endeavor by precept and example, to train them up in accordance with our christian profession.

ANS. 4. The practice of frequently reading the Holy Scriptures individually and collectively in families, is general among us, and we believe many of our members encourage their children and others under their care in the daily practice of this duty. Our testimony to a free Gospel Ministry is maintained, with a few exceptions.

ANS. 5. Three of the Quarterly Meetings are reported clear of the use of intoxicating liquors as a beverage—two nearly so, and within the limits of three, seven or eight exceptions are mentioned. Amusements and diversions inconsistent with a christian character are nearly avoided. Moderation is generally observed.

ANS. 6. The circumstances of the poor are attended to, and they are assisted in obtaining suitable employment. Care is taken to educate their children.

ANS. 7. Friends appear to be clear in the observance of this query with few exceptions in regard to military matters and oaths.

ANS. 8. With few exceptions Friends are careful in the several parts of this query.

ANS. 9. Our records are carefully attended to with little exception. A few removals without certificates, some of which are under notice.

ANS. 10. Care has been taken to administer the Discipline in christian tenderness, though not always as timely and impartially as would be best.

Judgment appears to have been placed in the authority of truth, and in accordance with the Discipline.

23. The Committee appointed to examine the two documents purporting to be Epistles from Western Yearly Meeting, have made the following Report, viz :—

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON EPISTLE FROM WESTERN YEARLY MEETING.

TO THE YEARLY MEETING NOW SITTING :—

Your Committee appointed to examine two papers purporting to be Epistles from Western Yearly Meeting, have given attention to the subject, and after examining the documents and hearing what evidence could be obtained have come to the conclusion that the paper signed by Barnabas C. Hobbs, Clerk, should be received and accredited as coming from Western Yearly Meeting, with which we have heretofore corresponded.

This is in accordance with the action of the Yearly Meetings of London and Ireland, and with all the Yearly Meetings on this Continent which have had this subject before them.

By direction of the Committee,

WM. C. TABER.

NEWPORT, 6 Mo., 15, 1878.

This report is satisfactory to the Meeting, and the Epistle signed by Barnabas C. Hobbs as Clerk, has now been read to our comfort and satisfaction, and it is referred to the Committee on Correspondence, now under appointment.

Adjourned to meet in joint session to-morrow morning at 10 o'clock.

THIRD-DAY MORNING, SIXTH MONTH 18TH.

The Meeting assembled in joint session pursuant to adjournment.

24. The Committee on the Concern of this Meeting for the improvement of the Indians located west of the Mississippi River, report as follows, viz :—

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON THE WESTERN INDIANS.

TO THE YEARLY MEETING :—

The Joint Committee on the Concern for the Improvement of the Western Indians, report that meetings of the Associated Executive Committee have been held, in the Fall of 1877 at Richmond, Indiana, and at Germantown, Philadelphia, in the Fourth Month, 1878. Sub-committees upon Religious Interests and Missionary Labor, and also to confer with

officers of the Government upon the best interest of the Indians, have met at various times during the year, as occasion has required.

Different circumstances have contributed, in the prosecution of this work, to render the past year a season of uncertainty and anxiety. The feeling manifested by some who have influence with the government, of opposition to what has been known as its peace policy in treating with the Indians, the strong efforts which have been made to place the Indian Bureau under the control of the War Department, and the complaints, often prejudiced or unfounded, which have been preferred against Indian Agents and others engaged in the work, have each added to the difficulty and embarrassment. Much faithful and self-sacrificing labor has however been given to the work, and evidence is not wanting that the efforts of the Agents, the Teachers and others in this field of service, have been richly rewarded. The Indians, as a whole, continue to improve in civilization, while the endeavors to educate their children, and to bring all classes, elder and younger, under the influence of the gospel, have as heretofore, among several of the tribes, received the Divine blessing. A visit made in the early Autumn by our friend Elkanah Beard, and, somewhat later, by Lawrie Tatum, to nearly all the Agencies under our care, was, as we had anticipated, not only a means of encouragement to the Indians and their white helpers, but was made highly useful to the Committee by giving us late and reliable information respecting the advancement of the different tribes, as well as their present need.

The Associated Committee have felt much impressed with the magnitude as well as the importance of this work and it seems incumbent upon us as christians to do what our hands find to do, while we have the opportunity, in this field. Under this feeling of responsibility they felt it right to ask the several Yearly Meetings to forward their proportion of \$3000, to Charles F. Coffin, of Richmond, Indiana. Our quota of this sum will be \$510.

The School and Mission at the Quapaw Agency, to aid and encourage which has been especially assigned to this Yearly Meeting, has been continued during the year as heretofore. Its charge was assumed by Emeline Tuttle alone, as her husband, Asa C. Tuttle, declined the government appointment, expecting to be absent much of the time, engaged in religious service. Her duties at the Mission, always arduous, and sometimes perplexing, have during the past year been attended by circumstances deeply trying to faith and patience. The withholding by the government, for a period of seven months (owing in part to an informality), of the stipulated funds to defray the expense of the school and the long continued illness of Emeline Tuttle during the Winter and early Spring were a part of these trials. Notwithstanding these serious obstacles, we believe the school has made commendable progress during the year, and the number enrolled, 68, was larger than heretofore. Ten of these however were Poncas who were withdrawn early in the year to accompany the tribe to their new home. The remaining 58 have been under instruction most of the time. Of this number, 20 are pretty good readers, and are

studying Geography, Practical Arithmetic, and History. Twenty more are indifferent readers, study mental Arithmetic, and a part of them, Geography also. Nearly all of these are also learning to write.

As heretofore the progress of the Modoc children has been particularly marked, as they develop an active brain, and a great ambition to learn. These children have been also more continuously in school and have consequently been less under the retarding influences of Indian life in camp. Indeed we find that the success of the Indian Schools, particularly in their rudimental period, depends largely upon the almost constant influence and control of the Agents and teachers.

The First-day school and meetings are regularly held, and many of the children are gaining a knowledge of gospel truth and numerous portions of Bible History. The people also attend meetings pretty well. Under date of Fifth mo. 12th, E. Tuttle writes; "Last First-day several of the Modocs were present. Two of the chiefs spoke, one in English and the other in his own language. The former said 'his heart had felt very glad that day. He wanted to remember what he had heard, for they were good words. He desired to follow the Good Spirit, and wished the children to do the same.'"

Emeline Tuttle also writes that a religious interest appears to be stirring in all the Tribes of the Agency. Last year a General Meeting was held in a grove for these people of various tribes, and at the earnest request of the Indians another was soon to begin at the same place.

She also writes, "We have received all the clothing we have asked for, which has been well selected and suitable." "Notwithstanding" she adds "clouds have at times gathered thick and fast, and storms have beat upon us, there has never been a time when, if I would go alone with God, I could not see in the distance the beautiful bow of promise, which up to the present hour, has kept me from scattering the children, and I hope now to be able to close the year thankfully to ourselves and honorably to the Society we represent."

The Committee have expended during the year \$686.09. Of this amount \$676.12 has been drawn from the Treasury of the Yearly Meeting.

On behalf of the Committee,

EDWARD W. HOWLAND,
ANNA G. WOOD.

NEWPORT, 6 Mo. 18, 1878.

This interesting and satisfactory report has now been read, and notwithstanding the many discouragements attending our labors in this field, during the past year, we feel thankful for the measure of success which is manifest, and desire in a prayerful spirit to persevere in the good work as our Heavenly Father may open the way. Our friends Elkanah and Irena S. Beard whose late visit to all the Agencies of the Central Superintendency is alluded to in the report, and who are

in attendance of this Yearly Meeting have given us some very interesting and encouraging details of the work. We appoint our Friends Eli Jones, Charles M. Jones, Albert K. Smiley, Charles F. Coffin, William C. Taber, Anna T. Dennis, Sarah F. Tobey, Rachel S. Howland, Anna G. Wood, and Annabella E. Winn, to nominate a Committee to whom this concern may be entrusted the ensuing year. The names of the Committee nominated to be accompanied with a minute, embodying the concern of this Meeting in reference to gathering the Indians into fellowship with the Society of Friends.

25. The Committee on General Meetings made the following report, viz :—

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON GENERAL MEETINGS.

TO THE YEARLY MEETING :

The Joint Committee on General Meetings present the following report, viz :—

Twelve General Meetings and series of meetings have been held, viz. : at Fairfield, East Vassalboro, Vassalboro, Belgrade, St. Albans, Unity and South China, in Maine; Burrillville and Woonsocket, in Rhode Island; and Smith's Neck, Allen's Neck and Somerset, in Massachusetts.

Reports have been received from those who attended these meetings stating that they were held to good satisfaction, and there was evidence that the work had been blessed.

We would recommend the subject to the continued care of the Yearly Meeting.

On behalf of the Committee,

SUSAN T. THOMPSON, CLERK.

NEWPORT. 6 Mo. 18, 1878.

The report is satisfactory, and the recommendation of the continuance of the subject under the care of a Committee, is adopted and with that view we appoint our friends George Douglas, Owen Dame, Joseph E. Briggs, William Thompson, Allen Jay, Richard Battey, J. Hacker Hall, Hannah J. Bailey, Gulielma M. Purinton, Gideon Wood, Mary G. Winslow, Electa J. Collins, Myra E. Frye and Timothy K. Earle to nominate a Committee to whom this concern may be entrusted the ensuing year, and report at a future sitting.

26. The Committee to extend care, counsel and encouragement to Meetings and Friends within the limits of this Yearly Meeting as way might open for, have presented their annual report, viz. :—

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SUBORDINATE MEETINGS.

TO THE YEARLY MEETING:

The Committee on Subordinate Meetings report, that we have endeavored to attend to our appointment, and as way has opened for it, have visited nearly every meeting, with some exceptions in Salem Quarter, and we have also visited most of the isolated families, sick, aged and infirm individuals, and those who for any cause did not attend meetings, and also those who have recently been received into membership with Friends.

In the performance of this labor, both public and private, we have realized a mutual strengthening both of the visited and visitors, and especially in visiting small meetings and afflicted or isolated individuals, we have met with such cordial, appreciative christian kindness and love, that we have felt that instead of a sacrifice, it was a privilege to attend to our appointment in this service.

In some places much labor has been bestowed and but few results are apparent; whilst in others, the seed seems to have fallen on good ground and abundant fruit is promised.

Some of the meetings in the eastern part of the Yearly Meeting, and most of those in the western part, are in a flourishing condition.

Some meetings in all the Quarters, and especially in Rhode Island and Smithfield are very small, and there is so much lukewarmness and fear of activity, that we see but little prospect of a growth. May all our *fears* be brought to Jesus, and *anything* that He will own and bless, not be beneath our adoption, whether it be a form, sentiment, or an individual. In some meetings there is a lack of true christian sympathy; and this greatly weakens the power of the Church. In some places there is much spiritual life and activity manifested, and these meetings are largely attended by the young as well as elder people, and by those not in membership with us, and frequent accessions are made to our Society, and a continual revival manifest, by persons experiencing a change of heart.

In submitting this second report since our appointment to this service, we feel humbly to acknowledge that but a small part of what we hoped to do, has been accomplished; but we feel grateful in the belief that our Heavenly Father has deigned to bless the efforts made, and we trust that much fruit remains to be gathered to His glory.

By direction of the Committee,

HANNAH J. BAILEY, CLERK.

NEWPORT. 6 Mo. 17, 1878.

The report having been read is accepted by the Meeting, and the Committee is continued for service the ensuing year.

COMMITTEE ON SUBORDINATE MEETINGS.

Eli Jones,	Harriet D. Collins,
Thomas B. Buffum,	Jane C. Minot,
Benjamin H. Jones,	Joseph E. Macomber,
Lydia Haight,	J. William Jacob,
Anna G. Wood,	John F. Tucker,
Annabella E. Winn,	James P. Boyce,
Charles M. Jones,	William Thompson,
Matthew Howland,	Martha E. Pratt,
Harriet N. Jones,	Sarah W. Goddard,
Hannah J. Bailey,	Susan T. Thompson,
S. Narcissa Jacob,	I. Warren Hawkes,
William P. Macomber,	Henry T. Wood,
Esther Jones,	Rebecca H. Smiley.

Adjourned to 4 o'clock this afternoon.

AFTERNOON—assembled in joint session pursuant to adjournment.

27. The Committee appointed last year upon Mission Work in North Carolina and other states in the South, made the following report, viz. :

NORTH CAROLINA MISSION.

TO THE YEARLY MEETING :

In accordance with our appointment last year, we have endeavored to do what we could; and we feel now in giving a report of the work, that we can acknowledge with gratitude that "the Lord hath been our helper." Three of our number visited North Carolina in Eleventh month last, and found there as we anticipated, a large field for missionary work, needing more laborers. By statistics obtained from the Educational Bureau at Washington, we found that seventy-five thousand of the white inhabitants of North Carolina between the ages of ten and twenty years could not read or write, being fifty-one per cent of the entire white population of the State, and an increase of ten per cent, since the late civil war. After consultation with many Friends, a location was selected for this Committee to concentrate their labors in the north-western part of North Carolina, within the limits of Deep Creek Monthly Meeting, composed of Deep Creek, Forbush and Hunting Creek Meetings of Friends. Here were many intelligent people who were anxious to educate their children, but were unable to do so without assistance from others. We engaged three teachers, members of North Carolina Yearly Meeting, and sent one to each of the above-named Meetings of Friends, to organize a school. They were cordially received at their several fields of labor, and the people were willing to aid the work all they could, by boarding the teachers, &c. Two schools were commenced the 10th of Twelfth Month, and one the

11th of Second Month. Two of them continued successfully till the 30th of Fifth Month. One closed two months previous, and the teacher organized a school in another part of the Monthly Meeting, where an Indulged Meeting of Friends is held. This school under our care was continued two months. The number of months the four schools were taught is sixteen; with an attendance of 167 pupils between the ages of five and twenty-five years, some of whom came a distance of three miles; 76 were children of Friends. Soon after our teachers went there, they organized a Bible School and a Temperance Society in each place, all of which have been successfully carried on, and are still continued: 259 persons signed the Temperance pledge. About 150 attend the Bible Schools; 38 persons have been received into membership, and two Indulged Meetings organized by Deep Creek Monthly Meeting, since our work was commenced there. Franklin S. Blair, Superintendent of Friends Schools in North Carolina, has rendered us very efficient aid in the prosecution of the work, in the cause of education and of Temperance, by visiting the schools, holding Educational and Temperance Meetings in the neighborhoods, and in many other ways.

We have sent a large number of Religious and Temperance books, tracts, pledges, bibles, &c., to the superintendent and teachers, for distribution, all of which have been gratefully received and acknowledged by them and others, and we believe the good work has been greatly aided in this way. All the schools were opened every morning by Scripture reading. Two schools attended Friends' Meeting in the middle of the week.

Much has been done for these dear people whom we have undertaken to assist in the religious and literary cultivation of their children; but very much more is needed to be done. They are poor; the curse of slavery, and ravages of a terrible war have rendered that part of our country desolate, and much of the land unproductive. Their school-houses and other public buildings have been destroyed in many places. Our schools were held in small log meeting-houses with poor accommodations. Most of the people there live in log-houses built by their own hands, and eat and wear the products of their own labor, only. They are people of our own race, and many of them members of our Religious Society, and are earnest, intelligent christians. They should claim our deep sympathy. They need teachers, school-books, Bibles, Bible-helps, religious books, &c. We recommend that the work be left in the care of a Committee for the ensuing year, and that \$600, be appropriated for its use; which we submit.

Annexed is an extract from the minutes of Deep Creek Monthly Meeting, last held; and which was sent us by the clerk of the meeting.

On behalf of the Committee,

JOSEPH E. MACOMBER,
HANNAH J. BAILEY.

NEWPORT, 6TH Mo. 17TH, 1878.

COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION IN NORTH CAROLINA, IN ACCOUNT WITH MATTHEW HOWLAND, TREASURER.

1877.

12 mo.	Received from Westport Monthly Meeting,	\$14 00
" "	Worcester,	12 00
" "	Limerick \$3.00, Sidney \$3.00,	6 00
" "	New Bedford Monthly Meeting,	103 50
" "	Sandwich do. do.	47 25
" "	Portsmouth,	50 00
" "	Swansea Monthly Meeting,	11 50
" "	Rhode Island do. do.	41 00
" "	Seabrook do. do.	17 46
" "	Smithfield \$5.00, Weare \$6.05,	11 05
" "	A Friend \$40.00, A Friend \$2.00,	42 00
" "	New England Yearly Meeting,	30 00
" "	New England Com. on Temperance,	5 00
" "	Greenwich Monthly Meeting,	12 00
" "	Dover \$5.00, Salem \$5.00,	10 00
" "	Fairfield Monthly Meeting,	3 00
" "	Benevolent Society at Winthrop Maine,	2 25
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1878.

1 mo.	Paid F. S. Blair on account Teachers' salaries,	\$60 00
2 mo.	Bill of Books and Tracts,	50 80
3 mo.	On account Teachers' salaries,	60 00
3 mo.	For Tracts for Schools,	12 00
5 mo.	On account of Books for Schools,	45 00
5 mo. 15th,	On account Teachers' salaries,	100 00
	For Temperance Tracts sent to Schools,	7 25
	Balance in the hands of the Committee,	82 96
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MATTHEW HOWLAND, TREAS.

NEWPORT, 6TH MO. 17TH, 1878.

We, the Members of Deep Creek Monthly Meeting, are united in returning to the Friends of New England Yearly Meeting, our heartfelt thanks for their assistance extended to us in the education of our children; we are well pleased with the teachers engaged in our Schools. [Extracted from the minutes of Deep Creek Monthly Meeting of Friends, held Sixth Month 1st, 1878.]

DOUGAN C. HENLEY, }
HANNAH VESTAL. } CLERKS.

The report is accepted and very satisfactory, and desiring that the work commenced under such favorable auspices and attended with such encouraging results may not be abandoned, we continue it under the care of the same committee, with the addition of Rachel S. Howland, Moses Bailey, Charles M. Jones, Charles F. Coffin, Ann Maria Coffin, Rebecca Hoag and Moses Sawyer, and the recommendation to appropriate Six Hundred Dollars in aid of this Mission being adopted, the Committee is at liberty to draw upon the Treasurer of this Meeting for that sum.

COMMITTEE ON MISSION WORK IN NORTH CAROLINA, ETC.

Benjamin F. Knowles,	Mary R. Jones,
Joseph E. Macomber,	Richard Battey,
Gulielma Freeborn,	Sarah Jane Swift,
Gertrude W. Cartland,	Joseph Taylor,
Joseph S. Nichols,	Hannah J. Bailey,
Matthew Howland.	Albert C. Buffum,
Joseph N. Swift,	Lydia C. Tuttle,
Hannah G. Hoxie,	Rachel S. Howland,
Sarah A. Holmes,	Moses Bailey,
George Douglas,	Charles M. Jones,
Esther Jones.	Charles F. Coffin,
Thomas B. Nichols,	Ann Maria Coffin,
Alfred H. Jones,	Rebecca Hoag,
Elizabeth S. Frye,	Moses Sawyer.

28. The Friends appointed to serve this Meeting on behalf of the Freedmen, present their annual report, viz. :

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON FREEDMEN.

The time has now expired that was agreed upon by New England Yearly Meeting. and that of Indiana to carry on the Normal School for colored people at Maryville, Tenn. The agreement made between New England Yearly Meeting and Indiana Yearly Meeting was, that New England would pay the expenses of the Maryville School for three years, the sum not to exceed Fifteen Hundred Dollars (\$1500) per year; then Indiana should give a deed of all the property to New England, if desired; if not, the property reverted to Indiana.

Two of your Committee have been down there and visited the school and were very much pleased with it. They found William P. Hastings a man well qualified to have the management of the school and property. The property is very valuable for this purpose, costing Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$20,000). There are twenty-eight (28) acres of very good land. It is well situated to carry on a Normal School to educate colored people for teachers. Your Committee are of the opinion that if this Yearly Meeting is going to do anything for the colored people, it could not do

better than to take a deed of the property and continue the school. They think it will cost about Fifteen Hundred Dollars (\$1500) per year. They would recommend that a Committee be appointed to have charge of it, and receive the deed from Indiana Yearly Meeting. There is now on hand about Seven Hundred Dollars (\$700). There has been expended for the three years up to the first of this month, Thirty-five Hundred and fifty-three Dollars (\$3553).

The report of Wm. P. Hastings of the school for the past year, will accompany this.

On behalf of the Committee,

EDW. W. HOWLAND,
SUSAN T. THOMPSON.

NEWPORT, SIXTH MONTH 19, 1878.

TO THE FREEDMEN'S COMMITTEE OF NEW ENGLAND YEARLY MEETING OF FRIENDS:

Report of the Freedmen's Normal Institute at Maryville, Tennessee, from Eighth Month 29th, 1877 to Sixth Month 5th, 1878, including the school year.

Whole number of Days taught,	191
Whole number Enrolled,	216
Average number Belonging,	124 $\frac{1}{10}$
Daily Average,	92 $\frac{5}{8}$
Per cent. of Attendance,	74 $\frac{6}{10}$
Whole number in Teachers' Training Class,	45
" Teaching in Tenn., Alabama, Georgia & Arkansas,	35
" of self-boarders in the Building,	15
The entire number of self-boarders who either boarded in the Building or rented rooms and boarded themselves elsewhere, was	34
The entire number who either boarded in our family or in other families, was 36; making a total of all boarders,	70
The remainder of the pupils were from the families residing in Maryville and its immediate vicinity,	
Cost of each self-boarder per week, about	\$0 75
Whole number of Boarders boarded by the Principal,	11
Cost of Board and Washing to each, per week,	\$2 00
Whole number in the Primary Chart Class,	22
" Reading from Books,	213
" Taught Oral Spelling,	100
" " Written Spelling,	194
" " Oral Arithmetic,	32
" " Felter's Primary Arithmetic,	89
" " Robinson's Rudiments of Arithmetic,	65
" " Robinson's Practical Arithmetic,	43
" " Robinson's Intellectual Arithmetic,	101

Whole number taught	Elements of English Grammar,	120
“	“ Complete English Grammar,	36
“	“ English Composition,	85
“	“ Book Keeping,	8
“	“ Elements of Geography,	50
“	“ Complete Geography,	12
“	“ Physiology,	19
“	“ United States History,	36
“	“ Geology of Tennessee,	12
“	“ Natural Philosophy,	7
“	“ Algebra,	9
“	“ Latin,	9
“	“ Greek,	5
Whole number of Graduates in the Elementary Course, since last Annual Report,		15
Whole number sent out to teach, (from the first),		60
Whole number of colored people belonging to Maryville Monthly Meeting of Friends,		14

In connection with the foregoing Report it might be well to observe, that the great irregularity in attendance, apparently, is on account of the necessity of the pupils laboring to support themselves and the families of which they form a part. The Ninth Month's Report shows a Daily Average of 79 $\frac{1}{10}$. This was "Fodder pulling" time. The Daily Average of Fifth Month was but 66 $\frac{1}{23}$, on account of planting and cultivating the crops. The Second Month's Report shows a Daily Average of 130 $\frac{4}{5}$. At this time of the year, their work was not so pressing.

We have kept up our Sabbath School during the school year with an enrollment of 102, and a fair attendance. We have also held mid-week meetings during the year. These were held at eleven o'clock, A. M., on Fourth-day of each week. Much interest has been manifested by many of the students on these occasions. We have had the attendance at these meetings of some of our dear friends of Maryville Monthly Meeting, much to our comfort and encouragement. At our collections of the family and the colored students boarding in the Institute Building, we have had many manifestations of the deep and abiding religious feeling and sentiment prevailing among these students. The intimate relationship established by thus living together as one family, has proven the sincerity of their profession, as their daily life has corresponded thereto.

During the past three years we have sent out about forty new teachers, and the greater number of the remaining twenty, have returned to the Institution from time to time, and have become much better qualified for their work. Many of these have been engaged in various parts of the South in training teachers for the public schools, and so the work has been multiplied. At times there have been as many as fifteen hundred pupils receiving instruction at the same time in the schools taught by those whom we have trained and sent out as teachers.

As our past year has been our most successful one, and as so much has been invested already in the land, buildings, and furnishings of the Institution, we very much desire the Committee to present our cause to the Yearly Meeting, in a brief Report, with such recommendations as they may deem best for the advancement of the cause of Christ in the world.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. P. HASTINGS,

Principal Freedmen's Normal Institute,

Maryville, Tenn.

This Report is accepted by the Meeting and their doings approved, and the adoption of the recommendation in the report is referred to the following named Friends, viz. :

Owen Dame,	Moses A. Hodgdon,
Edward W. Howland,	Levi Jones,
Charles F. Coffin,	Joseph Cartland,
William Thompson,	Rachel S. Howland,
Benjamin F. Knowles,	Ann Maria Coffin,
Albert K. Smiley,	Hannah J. Bailey,
Joseph Grinnell,	Sarah A. Holmes,
Alfred H. Jones,	Sarah F. Tobey,
Richard Battey,	Gertrude W. Cartland,
Susan T. Thompson,	

to report their judgment thereon at a future session.

29. The Committee on Foreign Missions report as follows, viz. :

REPORT OF FOREIGN MISSION COMMITTEE.

TO THE YEARLY MEETING :

The joint committee having charge of the subject of Foreign Missions report as follows, viz. :

In commencing this report we can thankfully adopt the language of Theophilus Waldmeier, "Our Heavenly Father has safely brought us to the end of this year, His overshadowing power has protected the Mission from evil, accident and sorrow. He has prospered, blessed and enlarged it within and without. To Him be all the glory and honor forever, through Christ Jesus our Lord."

Even the fearful war which has been raging in the East has been of no disadvantage to the Mission, but has rather worked for the increase of our schools and influence. The Government school in one of the villages has been discontinued, the scholars have come to our schools, and the teacher, formerly a deacon in the Greek Church, has been received as a member of our Society.

The Training Home has been completed and was opened on the first day of the year, 1878. In its construction, the people of the village were employed and much good was done in this way. The sheik of the Maronites said, "If this house had not been built just at this time of very great distress on account of the war, I do not know how the poor of Brumana could have lived; it is this very building which has saved them from starvation. Formerly the people of Brumana used to beat and hurt and trouble each other very much, so that I had every week to send some people to prison, but now I have rest."

It is a simple but commodious house, well adapted for its purpose. Its length is twenty-seven English yards, and its breadth fifteen English yards externally. The building contains nineteen spacious rooms, beside a meeting-room and a stable. Towards the west, a large plateau is levelled in front of the basement floor for a play-ground for the children. Then come the first floor and the upper story. Towards the east front there is only the first floor and upper story, because the building is on a declivity from east to west. The whole situation on which the Training Home is built is a most healthy one, with a romantic, commanding view. It is one of the finest on Mount Lebanon, three hours distant from the shore of the Mediterranean, and 2,500 feet above the sea. On the slope of the mountain, between the sea-shore and Ain Salaam, are the different villages in which the Branch Schools for boys and girls are doing a great work. Down in the plain, on the shore, is Beirut, a city of 70,000 inhabitants. From Ain Salaam we see all the steamers coming in and going out from the harbor of Beirut.

Ain Salaam (or the Training Home,) is the residence of the director of the Training Home as well as the head-quarters of the Mission in general. Experience has shown how needful such a house of our own is, among a superstitious and fanatical people, whose priests would drive the messengers of Peace from one place to another. It is also the center of the Mission, where the Monthly Meeting, Teachers' meetings, and other devotional meetings are to be regularly held, and where all the business concerning the Mission has to be transacted. It is also occupied by twenty boys who are taught, as far as may be, according to George Fox's direction, "all things civil and useful in the creation," for they learn not only to use their heads, but their hands, so as to be able to support themselves in the future. Skilled workmen are rarely found in that country, and are much needed. The boys already do a good deal toward their own support, but they need more instruction in order to do good and finished work. So far, they have only learned the trade of carpenters and joiners, as such work is so much in requisition that not half the demand can be supplied.

During the past year Ibrahim Tasso, formerly teacher in the Training Home, has been pursuing his studies in Beirut, but he did not fail to work for his Master there. There was extreme suffering among the Mahometan population of that city, especially among the wives and children of those who had been drafted into the Turkish army. Some Friends in

England sent funds for their relief, and while Ibrahim Tasso was distributing these, he had an opportunity to speak to the people, of Jesus. The company who gathered to hear the "old, old story" soon amounted to over two hundred, and touching accounts are given of the way in which their needy souls received the truths of the Gospel.

This has excited some opposition among others in Beirut, but Theophilus Waldmeier says, "I go forward in my work, looking only to Jesus; being convinced in the depths of my heart that the principles and doctrines of the Society of Friends are glorious, I cannot but preach them because I must say that to preach Quakerism is to preach Jesus Christ." A good Protestant Christian of Beirut says, that "the Society of Friends takes the highest place among all the Christian churches, because it is free from outward ceremonies and useless ordinances."

There are now under the care of the Mission eleven schools, viz.: one at the Training Home, three for girls only, and seven mixed schools, or for boys only—with a total number of about 350 scholars. Of these schools, three are supported by English and American Friends, one by a Friend in Ireland, and the remainder by some Christian friends in Switzerland. Their teachers are largely members of our Society, and we have well founded hopes that the 350 children, thus being taught in the things which concern their religious and temporal welfare, will become a power for good among their own countrymen.

The Beit Mary girls' school is particularly interesting as it is composed almost entirely of Druse girls: No other religious organization has been able to influence the Druses, but they have sent their boys to our schools and now they come to us, saying, "When we have educated boys we must also have educated girls, that the good work may be complete."

The new Shoura school is working along steadily. The Maronite priest repeatedly excommunicated the teacher, and children of that school, and said to his people in the church, "You must not have anything to do with the Protestants at Brumana, because they are an heretical set of people among whom the devil has his works." But, to their great surprise, a man rose up in the church and said to the priest,—“You are quite mistaken, because I have been at Ain Salaam, where the great Mission is established. There I saw the Protestants. They are giving work to the poor, medicine to the sick, education to the ignorant; and a number of poor children are trained up there in the fear of the Lord; and many other good works they are doing, which I have witnessed with my own eyes.”

The Dispensary at the Training Home is doing much good. Dr. Beshara, the teacher, has charge of it, and three afternoons a week are given to the examination of patients and dispensing medicines. Thus some are brought under christian influence who would otherwise not come, and the kind treatment which they receive when sick and helpless, opens their heart, to receive the Gospel, preached by those who relieve them.

Isaac Shammah is especially occupied as Evangelist and Scripture Reader. He has very hard work among the ignorant people, but in spite of it, he has been instrumentally used, in the hands of God, to lead

many souls out of darkness into light. He also goes about to the different villages and proclaims salvation in Christ Jesus.

Our Bible woman, who is called Im Yusef, has likewise a very interesting work under her charge. She has to bring the Gospel to the poor ignorant women, and to go from house to house in search of hungry and thirsty souls, and to feed them with the Bread of Life. She also goes into the surrounding villages to try to lead souls to Jesus. There are many isolated houses on the eastern and western slopes of the mountains, in which men, women and children never hear anything about religion or education. They are wild and ignorant like the Africans. These have to be visited from time to time, which is rather a slow and difficult work, but it is within the scope of our Mission, and it needs to be done.

The Monthly Meeting is regularly held, and has always been attended by all our members; only in cases of sickness have exceptions taken place.

During the past year several applications have been made for membership, and each case was brought individually under serious and prayerful consideration, the final result being that five new members have been received. The number of members is at present twenty, viz.; fourteen men and six women.

The First-Day Meeting is regularly held, and with an attendance of nearly one hundred and fifty persons, a large number for so small a village. There is also a First-Day School held at Brumana, which is attended by young and old, and found edifying by all.

Contributions have been received, during the past year, not only from our own Monthly Meetings and individual members, but liberal aid from some members of Philadelphia and other Yearly Meetings on this continent; and even little children have done something for the fatherless and motherless ones in the Training Home. Less than five dollars will educate a child for a year, not only in temporal but in spiritual things; would it not be a better investment than many things in these troubled times?

One donation was sent us in consequence of the evidence of a minister of another denomination, who had travelled through Palestine, and testified that the Friends' Mission on Mount Lebanon was the most prosperous in the country.

Friends in England have given largely in support of the Mission. They have purchased the land and erected the substantial Training Home. They have also purchased an additional plot of ground, and have fitted up a partially erected building as a workshop for the boys, and a dispensary.

And now, in conclusion, we cannot but ask, very earnestly, that all our friends may remember this work before the Throne of Grace, remembering also that all have a share in the Mission, and that we are together fellow-workers in the harvest-field of Christ. We should also consider it a privilege, and not a heavy duty, to be instrumentally used by our

Heavenly Father to work for the temporal and spiritual welfare of our fellow-creatures.

We would recommend the Mission to the continued care of the Yearly Meeting.

According to agreement with English Friends, one-half of the running expenses of the ensuing year will not be less than \$1500. As the work is carried on under the care of the Yearly Meeting, it has seemed right at this time to suggest that a direct appropriation of \$800 be made by the Meeting, to meet such portion of this expense as may be thought best. The remainder to be met, as heretofore, by private subscription.

On behalf of the Committee,

SUSAN T. THOMPSON, Clerk.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

RECEIPTS.

Collected at Portland,	\$322 95	
Proceeds of articles from Brumana	159 62	
Friends of N. E. Y. M. since the Yearly Meeting	938 27	
Friends of New York Yearly Meeting	130 00	
Friends of Philadelphia do. do.	316 00	
For tuition of an orphan	5 00	
Olive Leaf Fund	7 25	
For "Little Nassif"	2 00	
Balance last year	234 57	
		————— \$2,115 66

PAYMENTS.

Amount sent to Brumana	\$2,019 67	
Printing	43 34	
Balance remaining	52 65	
		————— \$2,115 66

This report is interesting and satisfactory. We believe an excellent work is being accomplished through this Mission on Mount Lebanon, and we re-appoint the Committee that has so faithfully and efficiently watched over its interests the past year. We adopt the recommendation contained in the report, viz.: the appropriation of Eight Hundred Dollars for its support the coming year, and the Committee is at liberty to draw upon the Treasurer of the Yearly Meeting for that sum.

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Eli Jones,
Joseph E. Macomber,
Timothy K. Earle,
Rebecca H. Smiley,
John H. Crosman,

Ann B. Earle,
Charles C. Varney,
Lydia Ann Cartland,
Abby S. Battey,
Lydia E. Sawyer.

Thomas Wood.	Mary B. Breed, of Weare,
Susan T. Thompson,	Anna G. Wood.
Deborah W. Crosman,	Charles B. Cates,
Harriet N. Jones,	Margaret B. Cates,
George Howland, Jr.,	Obadiah Chace,
Sylvia G. Howland,	Julia Ann Hodgdon,
Charles M. Bailey,	Benjamin F. Knowles,
Albert C. Buffum,	Sarah F. Tobey,
Eliza P. Varney.	

30. The Committee on Temperance have presented the following Report, viz. :

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON TEMPERANCE.

TO THE YEARLY MEETING:

The Committee appointed in the Sixth Month last, to labor in the cause of total abstinence from all intoxicating drinks, have endeavored to fulfill the duties assigned them. During the year, the importance of faithfulness on the part of Friends in this movement has been ably and clearly set forth in many portions of this Yearly Meeting.

Thousands of pages of temperance tracts have been circulated, silent messengers of truth, which we believe have proved effectual in calling the attention of our members to this great and important question.

Two thousand cards containing the "Triple Pledge." have been printed and the greater portion of them circulated in our "Bible Schools"; the remainder are in the hands of the chairman for distribution. This course has been adopted from a strong conviction resting upon the minds of the Committee that we cannot commence too early in life to teach our children the great danger consequent upon tampering with intoxicants of any description; hence in proportion as they come up free from this dangerous practice will the next generation be a sober people. Delegations from the Committee have attended several large temperance gatherings in Massachusetts, New Hampshire and Maine, in which the position we occupy upon this momentous question has been explained, enlightening not a few, to whom our views were comparatively unknown. The increasing interest manifested by our own members in this cause, enables the Committee to look forward with more confidence than at any previous period, when the answers to the Queries from all our subordinate meetings will come up "clear as to the use of alcoholic drinks." Notwithstanding this feeling is steadily on the increase, we are fully convinced that it is not a time to relent or slacken our efforts, but on the contrary, we should double our diligence in maintaining the advanced position we have occupied so many generations, contending manfully for the truth; and thus by example, as well as precept, say to others, "come, follow us, as we are endeavoring to follow Christ."

Christian professors cannot escape the responsibility resting upon them

to labor earnestly for the removal of the great evil of intemperance. It is positive labor that is needed; "inasmuch as ye did it not to one of these ye did it not to me," was the language of the blessed Master. It is a question that demands our serious consideration, how far the professed christian churches are responsible to-day for the continuance of the liquor traffic; hence the necessity that we should examine carefully our present position, that we may not be found aiding or encouraging an evil which not only destroys the bodies and souls of men and women, disturbs the peace and happiness of families and neighborhoods, but is threatening seriously the prosperity of the nation.

On behalf of the Committee,

JAMES P. BOYCE.

NEWPORT, SIXTH MONTH 18TH, 1878.

HARRIET N. JONES.

This report is satisfactory to the Meeting, and we continue this important concern in the hands of the same Committee with the addition of Phebe S. Ayedelot; believing that their earnest efforts in this direction will not be in vain. We appropriate from the Yearly Meetings' Treasury the sum of Three Hundred Dollars to be drawn by the Committee in the prosecution of their work the ensuing year.

COMMITTEE ON TEMPERANCE.

Joseph E. Macomber,
Zephaniah Breed,
James P. Boyce,
Charles Taber,
Augustus F. Cox,
Edward S. Hacker,
Timothy K. Earle,
Abel C. Munro,
Eli Jones,
Jonathan Estes,
Albert C. Buffum,
Albert C. Hill,
Jonathan Cartland,
Joseph E. Briggs,
Isaac Warren Hawkes,
Charles W. Goddard,
Samuel R. Buffinton,
J. William Jacob,

Ellen K. Buffum,
Gertrude W. Cartland,
Lydia C. Neal,
Deborah W. Crosman,
Susan T. Thompson,
Elizabeth C. Wing,
Myra E. Frye,
S. Jane Cox,
Susan Ann Gifford,
Lydia Haight,
Mary C. Jones,
Eliza Philbrook,
Lydia E. Sawyer,
Gulielma M. Purinton,
Harriet N. Jones,
Phebe N. Wadsworth,
Charlotte D. Holmes,
Elizabeth B. Nichols,

Phebe S. Ayedelot.

Adjourned to meet in separate sessions to-morrow morning at 10 o'clock.

FOURTH-DAY MORNING, THE 19TH.

Assembled pursuant to adjournment.

31. The subject of a threatened war between two great nations of Europe, was introduced to the Meeting at this session, by reference from one of our Quarterly Meetings. The remembrance that a conference of delegates from the several nations of Europe is now in session in Berlin, upon the momentous questions that agitate those governments, deepens our sense of the responsibility which rests upon the followers of the Prince of Peace. Our hearts are raised in earnest prayer that the Great Disposer of events may overrule the counsels of the rulers of those nations, and in His great love guide the feet of the people everywhere into the way of peace. The further consideration of this subject is referred to the Representative Meeting.

32. The Committee on Education have presented their Report, viz. :

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION.

TO THE YEARLY MEETING :

The Committee on Education report that they have attended to their appointment, and that William F. Mitchell has under their direction visited a few of our meetings for the purpose of interesting parents and children in the subject of denominational education.

Statistics have been taken so recently and thoroughly that we have not thought it needful to furnish them at this time. Public, moral and religious education was never, perhaps, more fully occupying the thoughts of men than now, owing no doubt in part to the disturbed condition of society. The President of the United States and his predecessor in office, have vigorously called attention to its close connection with the public welfare, and with national health and life.

The Rulers of other nations have as earnestly presented the same views to their subjects in recent addresses. The conviction seems to be gaining ground the world over, that the education of the whole people is the surest protection against disorder, and the strongest factor in national and human progress.

Our Society has exhibited also during the last year, unusual interest. Conferences have been held both here and in England, in which the relation of education to the Society, its principles, teachings and mission, as well as its obligation to extend the domain of culture, have been very fully and ably considered. The Conference held in Baltimore, Twelfth Month last, was no doubt the result of an earnest and intelligent awakening, among the teachers and scholars of the Society of Friends, both East and West. Neither can we easily estimate the importance of that gathering, since the highest results must be attained, if at all, by the systematic union of the entire educational strength of the denomination in America.

The Committee call the attention of the Meeting with great satisfaction, to the large increase in the attendance of Friends at the Boarding School, and also to the high standard of teaching maintained there, which if sustained with the same ability, will give the school rank among the best institutions of its grade.

The great need presented in so many past years, continues, namely, funds or scholarships, to the end that gifted and qualified children of Friends may be aided not only in primary education, but also through the college course, that education to the extent of their capacity may be freely open to all. Many young men and women are now asking for this privilege and opportunity to increase their usefulness to society, but they ask in vain.

A delicate and difficult question remains which cannot be discarded or overlooked. And that is, whether our instruction should be limited to intellectual culture, with teaching in the Bible and regular attendance at Friends Meetings, whether it should be like that of any ordinary secular school, or whether it should be denominational. Certainly it should not be an enforced outward conformity, leading to deceit and hypocrisy.

The Committee are convinced that we shall not do our duty as a Society unless we seek to impress the denominational methods of thought upon each generation, not dogmatically, but with sweet reasonableness. That is to say, an inward and spiritual interpretation of religion and theology in place of an outward, with ceremony and objective teaching. These instructions ought to be clothed in a dress attractive to the young, stimulating them to research, having all the freshness of the last quarter of the nineteenth century, since truth is ever new. We believe that this was the hope and purpose of the founders of our institutions.

The Committee have expended the Fifty Dollars appropriated last year.

In behalf of the Committee,

AUGUSTINE JONES.

CAROLINE ALICE JONES.

NEWPORT, SIXTH MONTH 18TH, 1878.

This Report is very interesting and satisfactory, it is commended to the careful perusal and consideration of Friends throughout the Yearly Meeting. We commit the subject to the same Committee the ensuing year, and desire for them the hearty co-operation of all who have the care of the youth of our Society, in their efforts to promote higher education among our members.

COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION.

Augustine Jones,
Matthew Howland,
John F. Tucker,

Caroline Alice Jones,
Aseneth Tetlow,
Rachel S. Howland.

33. The Committee to promote Scriptural Instruction in Bible Schools, made the following Report, viz. :

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON BIBLE SCHOOLS.

TO THE YEARLY MEETING :

Very soon after our appointment, a Chairman and Secretary were chosen, and Harriet N. Jones was appointed to the work of aiding and establishing Bible Schools. A circular was also addressed to the officers and members of these schools, desiring that, in assembling for Scriptural instruction, all hearts be lifted in prayer to God for a blessing. They also recommended the system of Registration used last year.

Harriet N. Jones, in pursuance of her appointment, assisted by George H. Farr, has visited, as way has opened, at various points in our Yearly Meeting. They have found some schools in a flourishing condition, supported by the strong arm of the Church. In other places, the schools were languishing, struggling almost for an existence. To the latter, the service has been especially helpful, quickening the interest in the Bible Schools, and also of the small meetings where they are located. An obvious deficiency in the morality of the youth of our land, notwithstanding the much that is being done for them, has led your Committee prayerfully to consider their duty, in this direction, which has resulted in our co-operation with the Committee on Temperance, in the circulation of the "Triple Pledge," against intemperance, the use of tobacco and profanity. We have been able, as yet, to present this pledge only to a part of our schools. We have secured 300 signatures. As we remember that the Church of the future will be composed of the youth of the present, we earnestly entreat all who engage in this important work, to very practical teaching of the every day duties of life, laying a good foundation for a superstructure of integrity and virtue. As a means to this end, we recommend that this movement of the "Triple Pledge" be carried on until all our children are pledged against these evils. We have been cheered, in referring to the records of our Yearly Meeting, in past years, to observe the steady increase of interest in Bible study. In 1851, we find the first notice of First-day Schools in which 16 only are reported, with a membership of 533 children, of whom 374 were members of our Society. In 1860 we find the following record, viz: In eleven of our Monthly Meetings no First-day School is reported. In 1878 we are glad to record, there is no Monthly Meeting without its Bible School; and, from returns received, we give the following statistical information:—

Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting.—Ten schools; whole number of teachers and scholars, 526; number of Friends in attendance, 305; increase over last year, 31.

Salem Quarterly Meeting.—Nine schools; teachers and scholars, 285; number of Friends, 148. Increase, 47.

Sandwich Quarterly Meeting.—Ten schools; teachers and scholars, 457; number of Friends, about 150. Decrease, 111.

Falmouth Quarterly Meeting.—Eleven schools; teachers and scholars, 483; number of Friends, 327. Increase, 125.

Smithfield Quarterly Meeting.—Seven schools; teachers and scholars. 192; number of Friends, 135. Decrease, 48.

Vassalboro Quarterly Meeting.—Eleven schools; teachers and scholars, 338; number of Friends, 131. Increase, 38.

Dover Quarterly Meeting.—Seven schools; teachers and scholars, 202; number of Friends, 108. Increase, 43.

Fairfield Quarterly Meeting.—Eleven schools; teachers and scholars. 497; number of Friends, 190. Increase, 171.

Total increase, 455. Total decrease, 159.

This gives us an increase in the number attending our Bible schools over last year of 296.

Four schools that reported last year have failed to report this year.

Eleven new schools report this year.

Eight schools hold Teachers' Meetings.

Thirty-five schools use the International Lesson Sheets.

As these schools denominated "Bible Schools" have been regularly reported to the Yearly Meeting for twenty-seven years, they can be regarded no longer as an experiment; their importance is an established fact. We therefore encourage our dear elder Friends to join with the younger in their attendance. We would also recommend that increased care be taken to give prompt and accurate statistical reports.

In order to increase the interest of Friends in this work, we encourage each Quarterly Meeting to hold Bible School Conferences.

We have paid all the bills of the previous years so far as they have been presented, together with the expenses of the past year, and there remains of the Two Hundred Dollars appropriated, Eighty Dollars unexpended. We recommend that this sum remain in the hands of the Treasurer of the Yearly Meeting to be expended by a Committee which may be appointed, and that an addition of One Hundred Dollars be made to it, also to be used by this Committee.

On behalf of the Committee,

THOMAS B. NICHOLS,
HARRIET N. JONES.

NEWPORT, SIXTH MONTH 18TH; 1878.

The Report is satisfactory to the Meeting, and the Committee is continued for service the ensuing year, with the addition of Harriet D. Collins, Mary J. Rogers, Hannah S. Wing, S. Jane Cox, Esther Osborne, Margaret B. Cates, Gulielma M. Purinton and Mary G. Winslow. The recommendation of the Committee to appropriate in addition to the unexpended amount, Eighty Dollars of last year's appropriation, the sum of One Hundred Dollars, to be drawn by the Committee from the Treasury of the Yearly Meeting, is adopted.

COMMITTEE ON BIBLE SCHOOLS.

Charles Taber,
 Harriet N. Jones,
 Thomas B. Nichols,
 George H. Farr,
 Henry Winslow,
 Elizabeth K. Taber,
 Elizabeth P. Nichols,
 Phebe N. Wadsworth,

Harriet D. Collins,
 Mary J. Rogers,
 Hannah S. Wing,
 S. Jane Cox,
 Esther Osborne,
 Margaret B. Cates,
 Gulielma M. Purinton.
 Mary G. Winslow.

34. The Joint Committee appointed to disburse the income arising from the Mosher fund, presented the following Report, viz. :

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MOSHER FUND.

TO THE YEARLY MEETING :

The Joint Committee appointed to disburse the income arising from the H. H. Mosher fund, report that they have received from the Trustees of that fund, the income accruing from the same to the 7th of Fifth Month last, amounting to \$1188.66, and that they have purchased and distributed, during the past year, among our Quarterly Meetings, several hundred copies of such books and pamphlets as they believed met the requirements of the donor of the fund, at a cost of about \$800, including freight, duties, and other expenses. They have also united with a similar Committee of New York Yearly Meeting, in appropriating a sum not to exceed \$200 by each Committee, for the use of the Mexican Mission, to enable them to publish and circulate, in the language of that land, the lives of some of our early Friends.

On behalf of the Committee,

SAMUEL R. BUFFINTON,
 GERTRUDE W. CARTLAND.

NEWPORT, SIXTH MONTH 19TH, 1878.

This Report is satisfactory to the Meeting and the same Committee is continued for service another year.

COMMITTEE ON MOSHER FUND.

Henry T. Wood,
 Samuel R. Buffinton,
 J. Ellwood Paige,

Rebecca H. Smiley,
 Gertrude W. Cartland,
 Harriet N. Jones.

35. Appended to the above Report is the statement of the Treasurer as follows, viz. :

REPORT OF THE TREASURER OF THE MOSHER FUND.

Received from Edward W. Howland, in behalf of the Trustees, \$1.188 66
 Disbursed for books, pamphlets, freight, duties and other expenses, 817 93

Balance in hands of Treasurer at the present time, \$370 73

Adjourned to 4 o'clock this afternoon.

AFTERNOON.

Met pursuant to adjournment.

36. The Friends appointed to nominate a Committee to have the care of General Meetings the ensuing year, made the following Report, viz.:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE TO NOMINATE A COMMITTEE ON GENERAL MEETINGS.

TO THE YEARLY MEETING:

The Committee appointed to nominate a Committee to have the care of holding General Meetings, propose the following named Friends:

COMMITTEE ON GENERAL MEETINGS.

Eli Jones,	Gulielma M. Purinton,
Allen Jay,	Levi Jones,
Harriet D. Collins,	Phebe N. Wadsworth.
William O. Newhall,	William Thompson,
Mary Alice Brown,	Susan T. Thompson,
Henry T. Wood,	Isaac Warren Hawkes.
Anna G. Wood,	J. William Jacob,
Richard Battey,	Thomas B. Buffum,
Lydia Haight,	Electa J. Collins,
George Douglas,	Mary Elma Richardson.
S. Jane Cox,	Thomas B. Nichols,
S. Narcissa Jacob,	Anna M. Hussey,
Timothy B. Hussey,	Albert F. Minot,
	Elizabeth K. Hoxie.

On behalf of the Committee,

GEORGE DOUGLAS.

NEWPORT, SIXTH MONTH 18TH, 1878.

This Report is satisfactory to the Meeting and they are appointed accordingly, and are encouraged to labor as ability may be afforded. We feel that a blessing has accompanied the efforts of the Committees hitherto engaged in this important field of service, and that the Lord is still willing to be gracious to all those who look unto Him in simple faith, and in humble dependence upon Him.

37. Vassalboro Quarterly Meeting proposes that the Yearly Meeting be held in Portland, Maine, next year; which after a time of consideration is fully united with by this Meeting. The Women's Yearly Meeting concurring herein.

38. The Friends under appointment to take into consideration the Report of the Committee on Freedmen, made the following Report, viz.:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE TO CONSIDER THE REPORT OF
FREEDMEN'S COMMITTEE.

TO THE YEARLY MEETING:

The Committee to whom was referred the Report of the Committee on the concern of the Yearly Meeting for the Freedmen, have considered the same and report as follows, viz.:

We recommend that the Yearly Meeting shall take a deed of the property of the Freedmen's Normal Institute at Maryville, Tenn., without conditions.

We also recommend that an appropriation of \$800 be made from the Treasury, the present year, and placed at the disposal of six Friends, viz.:

FREEDMEN'S COMMITTEE.

Edward W. Howland,	Gertrude W. Cartland,
Benjamin F. Knowles,	Ann Maria Coffin,
Charles F. Coffin,	Hannah J. Bailey.

By direction of the Committee,

NEWPORT, SIXTH MONTH, 19TH, 1878.

OWEN DAME.

The Report is accepted by the Meeting, and the recommendations of the Committee adopted, and the Friends proposed are appointed to have the care of the concern the ensuing year. They are at liberty to draw upon the Treasury of this Meeting for the sum of Eight Hundred Dollars, to enable them to carry on the work. The Committee is authorized to take a deed of the property, in the name of the Yearly Meeting.

39. The subject from Indiana, in reference to Foreign Mission work, referred from our last Yearly Meeting to this, for further consideration, has again claimed the attention of this Meeting. After a time of serious consideration, we conclude to return the document to the Board of Foreign Missions of Indiana Yearly Meeting, with the information, that way does not open for us to engage in the work.

40. The following Report to the Representative Meeting in the Sixth Month last year, and by our last Yearly Meeting referred to this Meeting for further consideration, was again considered at this time as follows, viz.:

From the Records of the Representative Meeting, 1877.

“ The Committee to which was referred the communication from Salem Monthly Meeting, report as follows, viz. :

“ As to the first question, they suggest, that the appointment of all the officers named shall be by concurrent action of both meetings.

“ As to the second question, they suggest, that in the conveyance of real estate the deeds should be signed by a majority of all the Overseers of the Monthly Meeting, including men and women.”

On behalf of the Committee,

AUGUSTINE JONES,
JOSEPH CARTLAND,
HENRY T. WOOD.
SAMUEL R. BUFFINTON.

PORTLAND. SIXTH MONTH 8TH, 1877.

When after mature deliberation we are now united, the Women's Meeting concurring herein, that in future the appointment of Treasurers, Correspondents and Auditors by our Monthly Meetings shall be by concurrent action of both Men and Women's Meetings. And also that in the conveyance of Real Estate the Deeds shall be signed by a majority of all the Overseers of the Monthly Meeting, including men and women. With reference to the action of our several Meetings in time past, which may have been taken by Men Friends alone, all such actions or conveyances are hereby confirmed as valid and legal.

41. The Committee appointed to propose the names of Friends to constitute a Committee of this Meeting on Indian Affairs, report as follows, viz. :

COMMITTEE ON INDIAN AFFAIRS.

Edward W. Howland,	Martha Jay,
Henry T. Wood,	Eli Jepson,
Anna G. Wood,	Elizabeth K. Hoxie,
John F. Tucker,	John J. Frye, of Portland,
Wm. O. Newhall,	Myra E. Frye,
Ellen K. Buffum,	Thomas J. Battey,
Eliza P. Smiley,	Sarah W. Goddard,
Sarah Caroline Tobey,	Hannah T. Jenkins,
Susan Peckham,	Joseph E. Briggs,
Mary W. Jones,	Thomas B. Buffum,
Elizabeth H. Newhall,	Rebecca Anthony.

This Committee is encouraged to attend to the temporal and religious interests of this neglected race, they are authorized if way should open.

to establish meetings for worship and discipline to be under the care and direction of the Committee, and to report to the same.

On behalf of the Committee.

ELI JONES.

The Report is satisfactory to this Meeting, and the Friends named are appointed to that service the ensuing year, and the recommendation of the Committee adopted. The sum of Eight Hundred Dollars (\$800) is appropriated from the Treasury of this Meeting, to enable them to carry on the concern.

42. An Epistle to Kansas Yearly Meeting was now read and approved.

43. The Committee to whom was referred the concern of this Meeting for the improvement of the Penobscot and Passamaquoddy Indians, made the following Report, viz. :

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE PENOBSCOT AND PASSAMAQUODDY INDIANS.

TO THE YEARLY MEETING :

In Third Month last, three of our number visited the Penobscot tribe of Indians. We were cordially welcomed by their Lieutenant Governor Sockbesin Swassean, who accompanied us to such places as we wished to visit.

We first went to the School taught at that time by a young man, a member of the family of the priest. Thirty-nine scholars were present. We were informed there were in the tribe, fifty of suitable age to attend. We listened to their exercises with interest. Some read in the Fourth Reader, studied Geography and Arithmetic. They evinced a fair amount of intelligence and skill in learning. We regret to say, that their educational advantages seemed to us rather unpromising. We visited several Indian homes, and were pleased to see evidences of thrift in their neat cottages and fenced enclosures, indicative of their capacity for good citizenship. Their trade is emphatically basket making, the women doing their full share of the work. A very kindly feeling exists between the Red Men and the descendants of Wm. Penn, which we hope will ever be kept up. Could we take them under our more immediate care, we think this would be a promising field for mission work, but their surroundings and outside influences are unfavorable, and at present we can do little more than keep the claim of friendship bright by occasional visits, and by doing what we can to promote their educational interests. The State appropriations and expenditures are much the same as in past years. Way did not open to visit the Passamaquoddy tribe.

Twenty-seven Dollars of the One Hundred appropriated last year has been used.

On behalf of the Committee,

JOSEPH E. BRIGGS
HARRIET N. JONES

NEWPORT, SIXTH MONTH 18TH, 1878.

The Report is satisfactory, and the same Committee is re-appointed for service the ensuing year, and the sum of Fifty Dollars (\$50) appropriated for the use of the Committee.

COMMITTEE ON THE PENOBSCOT AND PASSAMAQUODDY INDIANS.

Stephen Jones,	Joseph E. Briggs,
John D. Lang,	Stephen N. Taber,
James B. Congdon,	Hannah J. Bailey,
Henry T. Wood,	Sarah A. Holmes,
Eli Jones,	Harriet N. Jones,
Alfred H. Jones,	Peace Jones,
Timothy Hanson,	Martha E. Pratt,
George Richardson,	Sarah M. Richardson,
Josiah Philbrook,	S. Narcissa Jacob,
Paul Wing,	Gertrude W. Cartland,
Augustine Jones,	Edward S. Hacker.

Adjourned to 4 o'clock to-morrow afternoon.

FIFTH-DAY AFTERNOON, THE 20TH.

The Meeting assembled according to adjournment.

Representatives present except seventeen (17).

44. The Representatives propose the following named Friends to constitute a Representative Meeting the ensuing year, viz. :

MEMBERS OF THE REPRESENTATIVE MEETING.

Stephen Chace,	Elmira B. Buffum,
Samuel R. Buffinton,	Reuben T. Jones,
Ellen K. Buffum,	Moses Bailey,
Anna T. Dennis,	Phebe P. Jones,
Joseph Cartland,	Hannah J. Bailey,
Owen Dame,	William O. Newhall,
Gertrude W. Cartland,	Henry T. Wood,
Mary Alice Brown,	George Douglas,
George Howland, Jr.,	Elizabeth A. Douglas,
Josiah Holmes, Jr.,	Charles F. Coffin,
Susan T. Thompson,	William C. Taber,

Anna G. Wood,	Lemuel Jones,
Anna F. Hall,	Sarah F. Tobey,
Augustus F. Cox,	Rachel S. Howland,
John J. Frye,	Augustine Jones,
S. Jane Cox,	Rebecca C. Grinnell,
Richard Battey,	Thomas Harkness,
James G. Arnold.	Lydia Haight,
Ann B. Earle,	Rachel B. Nichols,
Abby S. Battey,	John F. Tucker,
Eli Jones,	Alfred H. Jones,
Thomas B. Nichols,	Edward W. Howland;
Hannah T. Jenkins,	J. William Jacob,
S. Narcissa Jacob,	Allen Jay,
Samuel Buffum,	Stephen Jones,
Jacob K. Purinton,	Elizabeth Ann Slade,
Anna M. Hussey,	Abigail M. Hanson.

45. The Representatives propose the following named Friends to be a Standing Committee on Finance, to whom all propositions for appropriations from the Treasury of this Meeting, except by the Representative Meeting, shall in future be referred, viz. :

STANDING COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

Samuel R. Buffinton,	Richard Battey,
Owen Dame,	Charles B. Cates,
Edward W. Howland,	Jacob K. Purinton,
Augustus F. Cox,	Levi Jones.

46. The Committee on the subject of Peace, have presented their annual Report, viz. :

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PEACE.

TO THE YEARLY MEETING :

The Joint Committee on the Subject of Peace report that although way has not opened for much active labor, we have not been unmindful of the trust committed to our charge.

There have been held, during the past year, two public meetings on the subject; one at Portland, Me., during the sittings of our last Yearly Meeting, and one in Newport, R. I., during this Yearly Meeting. both of which were largely attended.

Peace tracts have been quite extensively disseminated, and books and documents calculated to cultivate a more healthy state of public sentiment in regard to the peaceable teachings of the gospel, have been placed in the hands of some of our prominent men; and it is very encouraging to us to find that our ablest and best men are now giving the subject their earnest thought. We feel deeply thankful that the cause of peace is

manifestly gaining ground among some of the most powerful nations of the earth. We have been instructed by the example of many of the friends of Peace in Great Britain, who, during the past year, when war clouds, dark and threatening, rose over that land, nobly stood up to plead in the name of the Prince of Peace, and to call the people from the clamor of the war spirit and the delusive arguments of ambition, and false political science, to the unanswerable reasons for the policy of peace as a foundation for the true grandeur of nations. May our earnest and united prayers ascend to Him who is the Prince of Peace, that such may be the speedy result.

None of the sum reported in the hands of the Committee last year having been expended, there still remains the same balance on hand, viz.: \$83.88.

On behalf of the Committee.

ELI JONES,
ABBY S. BATTEY.

The Report is accepted, and the following named Friends, proposed by last year's Committee, are now appointed to compose a Committee on the subject of Peace, the ensuing year, viz.:

COMMITTEE ON PEACE:

Eli Jones,	Susan T. Thompson,
Timothy B. Hussey,	Gertrude W. Cartland,
Charles C. Varney,	S. Narcissa Jacob,
Samuel R. Buffinton,	Nathaniel Gifford,
George Richardson,	Rachel S. Howland,
Henry T. Wood,	Abby S. Battey,
J. William Jacob,	Joseph H. Atwater.

47. The Committee to examine and settle the accounts of Treasurer, etc., made the following Report, viz.:

AUDITORS' REPORT.

TO THE YEARLY MEETING:

The Committee appointed to examine and settle the Treasurer's Account, to propose a sum to be raised for the ensuing year, and to nominate a Friend for Treasurer, and another for Treasurer of the Boarding School Fund, have attended to the duty assigned them and report as follows, viz.:

RECEIPTS.

Balance on hand last year,	\$1,468 89
From the several Quarterly Meetings,	3,000 00
<i>Amount carried forward,</i>	<i>\$4,468 89</i>

<i>Amount brought forward,</i>	\$4,468 89	
Books of Discipline sold,	24 50	
Use of City Hall in Portland and sale of carpet, . .	24 00	
Coupons, City of Providence Bonds,	450 00	
Premium on Gold sold,	12 25	
Received from a Friend,	47 00	
Dividends Eagle Bank,	100 00	
		<hr/> \$5,126 64

PAYMENTS.

Paid Geo. Douglas for Y. M. expenses at Portland,	\$728 27	
Vassalboro Quarterly Meeting,	283 50	
For Writing Records,	91 84	
For Rent of Wesleyan Hall, Boston,	350 00	
On account of Indians, West,	676 12	
Associated Executive Committee,	340 00	
For Bible Schools,	146 07	
For North Carolina Mission,	30 00	
For Penobscot Indians,	26 39	
For Printing,	243 44	
Incidentals,	12 82	
Committee on Education,	50 00	
Committee on Temperance,	236 72	
Balance to New Account,	1,911 47	
		<hr/> \$5,126 64

These expenditures are all properly vouched for.

We would propose that the sum of Five Thousand Dollars be raised for the use of the Meeting the ensuing year; that Geo. Howland, Jr. be appointed Treasurer of the Yearly Meeting, and Thomas Harkness, Treasurer of the Boarding School Fund.

For the Committee,

MATTHEW HOWLAND.

NEWPORT, SIXTH MONTH 20TH, 1878.

The Report is satisfactory and is accepted, and George Howland, Jr. is re-appointed Treasurer for the year ensuing, and our Quarterly Meetings are directed to forward to him their respective proportions of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000), the sum proposed to be raised for the use of the Meeting this year. Thomas Harkness is re-appointed Treasurer of the Boarding School Fund.

48. Epistles have been read, addressed to the Yearly Meetings of London, Ireland, New York, Baltimore, North Carolina, Ohio, Indiana, Western, Iowa and Canada; also, a joint Epistle to the Monthly Meeting of Brumana, Mount Lebanon, Syria, which are approved by

the Meeting, and the Clerk is directed to sign them on our behalf and forward them to those Meetings respectively.

49. The following returning Minute on behalf of our beloved friend, Sarah B. Satterthwaite, who acceptably attended this Yearly Meeting last year, has been read and approved, viz. :

TO HOLM MONTHLY MEETING OF FRIENDS, ENGLAND :

Dear Friends, — Our beloved friend, Sarah B. Satterthwaite, attended this Yearly Meeting last year, seven of our Quarterly Meetings and several of the Meetings composing them, also all the Meetings constituting the remaining one, and has now completed the religious service she had in prospect within our limits. Her example of christian devotedness amongst us, and her gospel labors in our Meetings and families, have been truly comforting and edifying.

50. The following returning Minute on behalf of our friend, Elkanah Beard has been read and approved, and similar ones for our friends, John P. Pennington, Amos M. Kenworthy, Jacob Baker, John F. Hanson, William P. Hastings, S. Elizabeth Malleson, Elizabeth L. Comstock, Hannah Arnett, Irena S. Beard and Alida Clark, viz. :

Our beloved friend, Elkanah Beard, attended this Meeting. His company and religious services have been acceptable to us.

51. A returning Minute on behalf of our friend, Mary White, and similar ones for Phebe H. Kenworthy and Phebe T. Underhill, have been read and approved, viz. :

TO EDINBURGH TWO MONTHS' MEETING, SCOTLAND :

Dear Friends, — Our beloved friend, Mary White, acceptably attended this Meeting.

52. The Committee, now under appointment, is directed to make all the necessary arrangements for holding religious meetings during the sessions of our next Yearly Meeting, as way may open, also to propose times and places for the various Committees to meet, who now are or may then be under appointment.

COMMITTEE OF ARRANGEMENTS.

Eli Jones,
Samuel R. Buffinton,
Henry T. Wood,

Augustus F. Cox,
Jacob K. Purinton,
George Douglas.

53. This and the Women's Yearly Meeting conclude to have the Minutes of both Meetings printed together; and the Clerks are directed to cause an edition of Two Thousand (2000) copies to be printed and sent down to our Quarterly Meetings, in their usual proportions; and Owen Dame is appointed to advise with them in the accomplishment of the work.

54. As with thankful hearts at the opening of this Yearly Meeting, we reverently bowed before the Lord in remembrance of mercies past, innumerable, so do we still gratefully acknowledge the continuance of His loving kindness to us, and having been enabled to dispose of the various and increasingly important concerns of the Church that have claimed our attention, in much love and brotherly condescension; we now, under the assured conviction, in view of the uncertainty of time, that we shall not all meet again this side eternity, solemnly conclude, proposing to meet again at Portland, Maine, at the usual time next year, if the Lord permit.

Signed on behalf of the Meeting,

WILLIAM O. NEWHALL, *Clerk.*

NOTE.—The Correspondents of New England Yearly Meeting are:

GEORGE HOWLAND, Jr., New Bedford, Mass.,
JOSEPH CARTLAND, Newburyport, Mass.,
MOSES BAILEY, Winthrop, Maine.

MINUTES

OF THE

NEW ENGLAND YEARLY MEETING

OF

WOMEN FRIENDS.

1878.

MINUTES.

AT the Yearly Meeting of Women Friends for New England, held at Newport, R. I., by adjournments from Sixth Month 15th to the 20th of the same, inclusive, 1878.

By Reports received from our Quarterly Meetings, it appears that the following Friends have been appointed Representatives to this Meeting, viz.: From

RHODE ISLAND. — Sarah F. Tobey, Dorcas B. Robinson, Esther Chace, Gulielma Freeborn, Anna T. Dennis, Louisa N. Meader, Hannah F. Peckham, Huldah M. Beede, Cynthia J. Earle, Rebecca Anthony, Ruth Ann Collins. Anna A. Gould, Mary W. Jones, Ellen K. Buffum and Abby Burgess.

SALEM. — Abigail M. Hanson, Mercy S. Davis, Abigail C. Beede, Beulah W. Rogers, Gertrude W. Cartland, Abby W. Pratt, Sabina A. Paige, Hannah E. V. Ware, Mary J. Paige, Phebe H. Buxton, Julia A. Boyce, Susan L. Meader, Abigail Hoag and Elizabeth H. Newhall.

SANDWICH. — Sarah A. Holmes, Rachel S. Howland, Mary A. Smith, Mary Hoxie, Rebecca C. Grinnell, Susan T. Thompson, Anna G. Wood, Hannah S. Wing, Phebe Slade, Lydia B. Dillingham, Charity G. Chace, Phebe R. Gifford, Sylvia G. Howland and Lydia Gifford.

FALMOUTH. — Esther Jones, S. Jane Cox, Jane C. Minot, Elizabeth A. Douglas, Lucy R. Goddard, Elmira S. Hanson, Lizzie P. Nichols, Anna F. Hall and Maria B. Jones.

SMITHFIELD. — Mary R. Hadwen, Abby S. Battey, Caroline C. Earle, Susan A. Gifford, Abby W. Randall, Adeline L. Farnum and Lydia Haight.

VASSALBORO. — Peace Jones, Rachel B. Nichols, Sarah W. Goddard, Margaret B. Cates, Mary R. Jones, Elizabeth S. Frye,

Hannah T. Jenkins, Eliza P. Gardner, Hannah Robinson and S. Narcissa Jacob.

DOVER. — Hannah G. Sawyer, Hannah W. Meader, Anna M. Hussey, Hannah T. Pratt, Martha E. Pratt, Lydia E. Jenkins and Sarah A. Hill.

FAIRFIELD. — Sarah M. Richardson, Phebe P. Jones, Hannah J. Bailey, Sylvia A. Farr and Mary G. Winslow, who have responded to the call of their names, with the exception of fifteen, for the absence of eight, sufficient reasons have been given.

By the Report from Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting we are informed that they have united with Greenwich Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Ruth H. Buffinton to the station of Elder, and with Swansea Monthly Meeting in acknowledging the gift, and approving the public appearances in the ministry of Rebecca Anthony.

Elizabeth Peckham, a member and Minister of South Kingstown Monthly Meeting, deceased Third Month 1st, 1878, in the 86th year of her age.

Sandwich informs that Lydia Congdon, an Elder, and member of New Bedford Monthly Meeting, died Seventh Month 9th, 1877, aged 83 years, 10 months and 22 days, and that Eliza C. Davis, also an Elder, deceased, Eleventh Month 26th, 1877, aged 78 years, 9 months and 1 day.

Smithfield Quarterly Meeting informs that Elizabeth A. Osborne, an Elder, and member of Smithfield Monthly Meeting, departed this life, Fourth Month 22nd, 1878, aged 91 years and 4 months.

Dover informs they have united with Dover Monthly Meeting in acknowledging the gift, and approving the public ministry of Mary H. Morrell, and also in the appointment of Horatio S. Morrell, Eli Page, Ira T. Jenkins, Mary D. Page and Lydia E. Jenkins to the station of Elder. They also inform they have united with Sandwich Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Otis Meader and Elizabeth G. Meader to the station of Elder.

Fairfield Quarterly Meeting informs they have united with St. Albans Monthly Meeting in acknowledging the gift and approving the public ministry of Lindley H. Magoon, and with Litchfield Monthly Meeting in acknowledging the gift and approving the public ministry of Charles M. Jones, and in the appointment of Levi Jones, Moses Briggs and Joseph E. Briggs to the station of Elder.

Sarah W. Farr, a Minister and member of Fairfield Quarterly Meeting, deceased Twelfth Month 30th, 1877, aged 59 years, 6

months and 24 days, and Mary Ann Bailey, an Elder, deceased First Month 1st, 1878, aged 66 years, 9 months and 12 days.

Epistles expressing the warm Christian interest of our dear sisters in London, Dublin, New York, Baltimore, North Carolina, Ohio, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas and Canada Yearly Meetings have been read, and we appoint the following Friends to prepare replies, as they feel drawn in the love of Christ, which unites so tenderly the scattered members of His Church, and present the same at a future session of this meeting.

COMMITTEE ON CORRESPONDENCE.

Rachel S. Howland,	Anna T. Dennis,
Sarah F. Tobey,	Esther Jones,
Gertrude W. Cartland,	Mary R. Hadwen,
Rebecca C. Grinnell,	Abigail C. Beede,
Anna M. Hussey,	Adeline L. Farnum,
Rachel B. Nichols,	Ann Maria Coffin,
Harriet N. Jones,	S. Narcissa Jacob,
Anna G. Wood,	Hannah S. Wing,
Abigail M. Hanson,	Caroline C. Earle,
Sarah W. Goddard,	Hannah B. Sawyer,
Hannah J. Bailey,	Lydia C. Neal,
Susan T. Thompson,	Ruth S. Wood,
Martha Jay,	Margaret B. Cates,
Eliza P. Smiley,	Lydia Haight,
Elizabeth S. Frye,	Mary R. Jones,
Sara F. Hoag,	Mary Alice Gifford,
Mary H. Sutton,	Hannah T. Jenkins,
Anabella E. Winn.	

We have also received two Epistles purporting to be from Western Yearly Meeting of Women Friends, which we refer to our Representatives for their consideration and judgment in reference to their respective claims, to report at a future session.

We have at this time the acceptable company of our beloved friends, S. Elizabeth Malleson from New York Yearly Meeting, Hannah Arnett, Alida Clark and Irena S. Beard from Indiana, and Elizabeth L. Comstock from Ohio Yearly Meeting, who have presented satisfactory certificates, from their respective meetings, expressing unity with them as ministers, and with their present prospect of religious service. We cordially welcome these dear Friends, and earnestly desire that watering and being watered we may be refreshed and blessed together.

We have also the acceptable company of our dear friend Mary White, an Elder, presenting a certificate from Edinburgh Two-Months' Meeting, Scotland, and having a prospect of accompanying our beloved friend Sarah B. Satterthwaite during a part or the whole of her remaining service in this land.

The company of our dear friends Phebe H. Kenworthy, an Elder, accompanying her husband Amos M. Kenworthy, and Phebe T. Underhill as companion for our friend Elizabeth L. Comstock, is truly acceptable.

We appoint Mary A. Smith, Susan L. Meader, Anna T. Dennis, Myra E. Frye, Rachel S. Howland and Mary R. Jones, to prepare a Summary from the Answers to the Queries, to present at a future session.

We appoint the following Friends to join a Committee of the Men's Meeting in making arrangements for religious meetings during the afternoon and evening of First-day, the 16th inst, and for other religious meetings which may be held during the week. They are also requested to decide upon the times and places for the meetings of various Committees, said Committee to continue in office until another appointment, viz. :

COMMITTEE OF ARRANGEMENTS.

Mary J. Paige,
Harriet N. Jones,
Sarah H. Anthony,
Hannah T. Jenkins,
Anna G. Wood,

Rachel S. Howland,
Gulielma M. Purinton,
Abby S. Battey,
Hannah J. Bailey,
Lydia Haight.

The Representatives are requested to meet at the rise of this meeting to confer upon the subject of Clerks.

Permitted, as we are, to meet once more in our Annual Assembly, and beholding the places forever vacant of dear ones, who last gathered with us here, may the solemn lesson of the uncertainty of our stewardship deeply impress our hearts, and stimulate us to greater faithfulness in the performance of our day's work, that doing whatever our Lord calleth upon us to do, with a single eye unto Him, we may prove ourselves more and more helpers one of another, and our humble loving service, may tend to the establishing, strengthening and settling of the Church.

Adjourned to 4 o'clock this afternoon.

SEVENTH-DAY AFTERNOON.

Met near 4 o'clock.

Abigail M. Hanson, on behalf of the Representatives, informed they were united in proposing the re-appointment of Gertrude W. Cartland for Clerk, and Mary Alice Brown for Assistant Clerk, which nominations being approved by the Meeting, they are appointed to those services for the ensuing year.

Certificates of unity from their respective Meetings, on behalf of the following Ministers in attendance from other Yearly Meetings have been acceptably read, viz: Amos M. Kenworthy and Jacob Baker, from Ohio; John P. Pennington and Elkanah Beard, from Indiana, and John Frederick Hansen, from Iowa.

We have also the acceptable company of William P. Hastings, a Minister from Maryville, Tenn., presenting a certificate signed on behalf of the Missionary Board of North Carolina Yearly Meeting, recommending him as an earnest worker for the welfare of the Freedmen, especially through the Freedmen's Normal Institute at Maryville, Tenn.

An Epistle from the dear friends constituting the little Monthly Meeting of Brumana, on Mt. Lebanon, Syria, has been read, and the sweet spirit of earnest love and trust, and thankfulness which it breathes, has touched a very tender chord of sympathy in our hearts. We refer it to our Committee on Correspondence, trusting that way may open to send them a fitting response.

A Table of Statistics of the Yearly Meeting has been read. (See p. 7.)

Adjourned to Second-day morning, the 17th inst., at 10 o'clock.

SECOND-DAY MORNING, SIXTH MONTH 17TH.

Met at 10 o'clock.

The Queries were read with Answers from our several Quarterly Meetings, and a Summary prepared by the Committee. While regretting the various deficiencies noted, we are comforted and cheered by the evidence afforded by many who have come up hither, that in their hearts there is a deepening work of grace, preparing them for more valuable service, and increasing usefulness in the Church.

Words of encouragement and counsel have been freely and tenderly offered, and we hope all may be stimulated to greater watchfulness unto prayer, that we may be kept faithful in the performance of every allotted duty, that our lamps may all be burning, not dimly, or with a

wavering, uncertain light, but fed with heavenly oil, may they shine out with a steady flame, as bright and safe way-marks unto others.

By this shall we know that we are Christ's, if His love, abounding in our hearts, inspires a deep and lively interest in all around us, enabling us not only to embrace our friends, but to bear that fuller test of discipleship, "Love for our enemies." This is the one great remedy for all social discord, preparing us to meet in a charitable spirit all each other's differences of opinion. The love of Christ dwelling in us richly will so temper our feelings that, linked together in love, we shall not fall out by the way, but gentle, tolerant, forbearing, we shall be found side by side, each doing our own work for the Master, not desirous of vain glory, not envying one another, and out of the abundance of our kindly thoughts, our lips will speak only kind and helpful words.

We have been reminded that it is in communion with our Lord, in frequent closet prayer, drinking from the secret spring, that we have the promise of the open reward. Alone with Christ, asking for the bread of life, we shall receive a full supply, strengthening us for loving blessed service. Are all our fresh springs in Christ? Is it our morning and evening petition, Lord, give us evermore of this water that we thirst not? Thus shall we grow in grace, rooted and built up in Christ, and abounding therein with thanksgiving, love without dissimulation will characterize and hallow all our intercourse with each other—thus planted, spreading out our roots by the river, we shall be kept living plants, and the Church, made up of these, will become as a watered garden, always green and fruitful, and its aroma will be as from a garden of spices.

This Meeting has been introduced into a living exercise that our testimony to a free gospel ministry may be faithfully maintained, that the injunction of our Lord Jesus Christ to His apostles, "Freely ye have received, freely give," may be practically accepted. And this we regard as entirely compatible with our Christian duty, to be helpers one of another in whatever service our Lord requires at our hands. When moved by the Holy Spirit and approved by the Church, the anointed ministers go forth to proclaim the gospel message, we believe it incumbent upon the Church, to render them all necessary assistance for the accomplishment of the work before them. This obligation has ever been recognized in the Society of Friends, and we earnestly desire that, alive to our holy mission, and true to our profession, no labor

of love, to which any are called by their Lord, may be hindered through want of sympathy and material aid.

While appreciating the Christian lives and work of devoted ministers in other branches of the Church, by whose writings and teaching we have been instructed and edified, we believe that we cannot consistently, while retaining our membership with Friends, leave our own meetings, and contribute of our means, for the maintenance of a paid ministry.

The love and sympathy of Jesus, as manifested at the grave of Lazarus, have been impressively dwelt upon, and we have been reminded that in all our sicknesses we have the same sympathizing Friend, near at hand, unfailing in His love, One who can heal all our spiritual maladies, arouse the sleeping, and revive the dead, One who can inspire and animate a lukewarm Church, and give it prevailing power against the strongholds of sin.

Frequent allusion has been made to the responsibilities, and privileges of our precious younger sisters, some of whom under the heavenly discipline of earthly sorrows, may be learning precious lessons of self-renunciation, and loving, submissive trust, growing and ripening in quiet communings with their Lord, for scenes of higher activity and greater usefulness, preparing, as one by one, the dear mothers pass from their places in the Church Militant, to take up with reverent hands, the work they leave, and prove themselves through faithfulness, a light and a blessing to their generation—the language of their characters, no less than the testimony of their lips, speaking with convincing power of Jesus and His love, whose moulding hand has left upon their daily lives the impress of His holiness.

We believe that God has given to the faithful mother a wondrous power rightly to influence her children. Instances are comparatively few of sons nurtured in the unselfish atmosphere of a Christian home, breaking entirely away from its gentle restraints—even amid other and distant surroundings, when the voice of temptation allures into paths of vice, the remembrance of a mother's prayers may check their wandering feet, thus may the prayers offered with our children around the family altar be seeds of blessing, as they journey along through life. Before the throne of the Eternal Father, and there alone, we know of being refreshed and strengthened for daily service. If there is any day when we have not something for which to praise our Lord, or something which we need from Him, then only can we spend a prayerless day. Does the solemn query rest upon the mother's heart, Am I

doing all I can in the faithful discharge of my parental duties? Is she engaged in a spirit of humble dependence, looking for help unto Him, who hath all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge, daily to gather with her family for the study of the Holy Scriptures, and to feast upon their precious truths, and in loving allegiance to the King of Kings, is she found gladly presenting herself, and those whom God has given her to train for Him, among His assembled worshippers, with a heart lifted unto Him for the promised blessing.

Our dear absent sisters, who by various causes, have been prevented from mingling with us at this time, some of them sitting in solitary places, missing the companionship of other days, have been held in prayerful remembrance. Our hearts have gone out to those watching at beds of sickness, or themselves bending under physical infirmities, and the assurance has been very precious, that One who knows every step of the road which His children are called to tread, causes His presence to be felt in the chamber of suffering, and amid all the cares and trials of life, filling their hearts with His patience and peace, that peace of God, which not only soothes the troubled soul, but is also an active energy, in every truly consecrated heart, prompting to blessed offices of self-sacrifice and love.

Sometimes when our Lord withholds from active work, He spreads before us some little services, and our faithfulness in these brings the sure reward of fruit to his praise. Let none be disheartened because theirs are the lowly ways—their work a small and humble work—the valleys as well as the mountains are the Lord's, alike refreshed by the dews of Heaven—the hidden streams oft water the fairest meadows.

“Away with trembling doubt and faithless fear,
No arm so weak but has some service here,
By feeblest agents can our God fulfill
His righteous will.”

SUMMARY OF ANSWERS TO THE QUERIES.

ANS. 1. All our Meetings for religious worship and discipline have been held, except a few small Meetings, which were omitted on account of inclement weather, and two discontinued through the winter. Most Friends are concerned to attend them duly, and at the appointed hour, yet some are remiss in this important duty. Nearly clear of unbecoming behavior.

ANS. 2. Love and unity are maintained with few exceptions, and we trust detraction is generally guarded against. When differences occur endeavors are used to end them.

ANS. 3. Most Friends are careful to maintain a religious life and conversation, and endeavor, by example and precept, to train their children, and others under their care, in accordance with our Christian profession.

ANS. 4. We believe the Holy Scriptures are frequently read in our families, both individually and collectively, thus encouraging our children and others in this important duty. With some exceptions our testimony to a free Gospel ministry is maintained.

ANS. 5. Careful in the requisitions of this query except a few instances of attending places of public amusement.

ANS. 6. Careful in the several particulars of this query.

ANS. 7. Clear in the several particulars of this query, except in one report, where care is taken.

ANS. 8. We believe our testimonies in the several parts of this query are generally maintained.

ANS. 9. Careful as to recording, not quite clear as to certificates.

ANS. 10. We think Friends endeavor to administer the Discipline in Christian tenderness, and without partiality, though not in all cases as timely as would be best, and endeavor to place judgment when it appears necessary in the authority of Truth, and according to Discipline.

Adjourned to 4 o'clock this afternoon.

SECOND-DAY AFTERNOON.

Met according to adjournment.

The Minutes of the Representative Meeting have been read and approved.

A Summary of the Answers to the Queries of the Meeting of Ministers and Elders has been read. (See p. 12.)

A Minute of the Yearly Meeting of Ministers and Elders has also been read. (See p. 13.)

The Representatives to whom were referred the duplicate Epistles from Western Yearly Meeting report, recommending the acceptance of that signed by Margaret Reeves as Clerk, which being approved by the Meeting, the Epistle from that Body was read, and referred to the Committee on Correspondence.

Adjourned to meet in joint session to-morrow at 10 o'clock.

THIRD-DAY MORNING.

Met in joint session at 10 o'clock.

The Committee to carry out our concern on behalf of Indian Tribes west of the Mississippi, report. (See p. 17.) The Report is satisfactory.

Notwithstanding the many discouragements attending our labors

in this field during the past year, we feel thankful for the measure of success which is manifest, and desire in a prayerful spirit to persevere in the good work as our Heavenly Father may open the way. Our friends, Elkanah and Irena S. Beard, now in attendance of this Meeting, having recently visited all the Agencies in the Central Superintendency, have given us some very interesting details of the work. We appoint

Eli Jones,
Anna T. Dennis,
Charles M. Jones,
Sarah F. Tobey,
Albert K. Smiley,

Rachel S. Howland,
Charles F. Coffin,
Anna G. Wood,
William C. Taber,
Anabella E. Winn,

to nominate a Committee to whom this concern may be entrusted for the ensuing year. They are also instructed to accompany their Report with a Minute embodying the concern of the Meeting, in reference to gathering the Indians into fellowship with the Society of Friends.

The Committee on General Meetings have presented their Report. (See p. 20.) The Report being read is satisfactory, and the recommendation to continue the subject under the care of a Committee adopted. With this view we appoint our friends

George Douglas,
Owen Dame,
Joseph E. Briggs,
William Thompson,
Allen Jay,
Richard Battey,
Hannah J. Bailey,

Gulielma M. Purinton,
Gideon Wood,
Mary G. Winslow,
Electa Jane Collins,
Myra E. Frye,
J. Hacker Hall,
Timothy K. Earle,

to nominate a suitable Committee at a future session.

The Committee appointed last year to extend care, counsel and encouragement to Meetings and Friends, report. (See p. 21.) The Report is satisfactory, and the Committee of last year is continued. (See p. 22.)

Adjourned to meet in joint session at 4 o'clock this afternoon.

THIRD-DAY AFTERNOON.

Met according to adjournment.

The Committee of last year, upon Mission work in North Carolina and other Southern States, make their Report. (See p. 22.) The Report is accepted as very satisfactory, and desiring that the work com-

menced under such favorable auspices, and attended with such encouraging results, may not be abandoned, we continue it under the care of the same Committee, with the addition of Rachel S. Howland, Moses Bailey, Charles M. Jones, Charles F. Coffin, Ann Maria Coffin, Rebecca Hoag and Moses Sawyer, and the recommendation to appropriate \$600, in aid of this Mission being adopted, the Committee is at liberty to draw upon the Treasurer of the Yearly Meeting to that amount. For Committee on Mission Work in North Carolina see p. 25.

The Friends appointed to serve this Meeting on behalf of the Freedmen present their Annual Report. (See p. 25.)

The Report is accepted, and their doings approved, and the adoption of the recommendation in the Report is referred to the following Committee, to report their judgment at a future session, viz :

Owen Dame,	Joseph Cartland,
Edward W. Howland,	Moses A. Hodgdon,
Charles F. Coffin,	Levi Jones,
William Thompson,	Hannah J. Bailey,
Benjamin F. Knowles,	Ann Maria Coffin,
Joseph Grinnell,	Sarah A. Holmes,
Albert K. Smiley,	Rachel S. Howland,
Alfred H. Jones,	Sarah F. Tobey,
Richard Battey,	Gertrude W. Cartland,
Susan T. Thompson.	

The Committee on Foreign Missions report. (See p. 28.) The Report is interesting and satisfactory. We believe an excellent work is being accomplished through this Mission on Mount Lebanon, and we re-appoint the Committee that has so faithfully and efficiently watched over its interests the past year. (See p. 32.) We adopt the proposition contained in the Report, viz: the appropriation of \$800 towards its support the coming year: and the Committee is authorized to draw upon our Treasurer for that sum.

Adjourned to meet in separate sessions at 10 o'clock, to-morrow.

FOURTH-DAY MORNING.

Met according to adjournment.

The Report of the Boarding School Committee (see p. 8) has been read and accepted, and we re-appoint the Committee that served last year, (with the exception of George L. Collins, deceased.) For Boarding School Committee see p. 8.

Adjourned to 4 o'clock this afternoon.

FOURTH-DAY AFTERNOON.

Met near 4 o'clock.

The Committee on Education have reported. (See p. 35.)

Believing that benefit has resulted from the services of this Committee, especially in awakening an interest in denominational schools, we continue the concern under the care of the same Committee another year. (See p. 36.)

The Committee on Bible Schools have presented their Annual Report. (See p. 37.) The Committee that served last year is re-appointed, with the addition of Harriet D. Collins, Mary J. Rogers, Hannah S. Wing, S. Jane Cox, Esther Osborne, Margaret B. Cates, Gulielma M. Purinton and Mary G. Winslow, and we approve the appropriation of \$100 to assist the Committee in their work the ensuing year.

For Report of the Committee for the Disbursement of the H. H. Mosher Fund, see p. 39, which has been accepted, and we re-appoint the Committee that served last year. (See p. 39.)

The Committee to whom was referred the Report on behalf of the Freedmen, report. (See p. 41.) The Report is approved, with the recommendation therein contained, and the following Committee is appointed to have charge of the work the ensuing year, viz :

COMMITTEE ON FREEDMEN.

Edward W. Howland,
Benjamin F. Knowles,
Charles F. Coffin,

Gertrude W. Cartland,
Ann Maria Coffin,
Hannah J. Bailey.

The Committee to nominate Friends to have the care of General Meetings the ensuing year report, (see p. 40,) which is approved, and we desire that the Committee may be encouraged to labor, as ability is given for the extension of the Redeemer's Kingdom.

A proposition from Vassalboro Quarterly Meeting, to hold our Yearly Meeting in 1879 in the City of Portland, has been united with.

The following Report to the Representative Meeting in the Sixth Month of last year, and referred to this Meeting by our last Yearly Meeting, has been considered, and we concur with men Friends in its adoption. (See p, 41.)

The Committee to bring forward the names of Friends to constitute a Committee to take charge of our work among the Western Indians

report. (See p. 42.) The Report is accepted, and we also unite in appropriating for the use of the Committee the sum of \$800.

Adjourned to 4 o'clock to-morrow afternoon.

FIFTH-DAY AFTERNOON.

Met at 4 o'clock.

The Representatives being called, those who attended our first session are present with the exception of eight, several of whom have given sufficient reasons for their absence.

The Clerk is authorized to have the Minutes of this Meeting, and the Epistles received from our sisters of other Yearly Meetings, printed for circulation among our members.

The Clerk is directed to sign on our behalf the following Minute for our friend Hannah Arnett, viz:—"Our beloved friend Hannah Arnett attended this meeting; her company and religious services have been acceptable to us," and similar ones for our friends Elizabeth L. Comstock, S. Elizabeth Malleson, Alida Clark, Irena S. Beard, Amos M. Kenworthy, Jacob Baker, John P. Pennington, Elkanah Beard, John F. Hansen and William P. Hastings; and also to sign the following Minute on behalf of our beloved friend Sarah B. Satterthwaite, viz:

"Our beloved friend Sarah B. Satterthwaite attended this Yearly Meeting last year, seven of our Quarterly Meetings, and several of the Meetings composing them, and all the Meetings in the remaining one, and has now completed the religious service she had in prospect within our limits. Her example of christian devotedness amongst us, and her gospel labors in our Meetings and families have been truly comforting and edifying."

The Clerk is also directed to sign on our behalf the following Minute for our friend Mary White, viz:—"Our beloved friend Mary White acceptably attended this Meeting," and similar ones for our friends Phebe H. Kenworthy and Phebe T. Underhill.

The proposition from the Committee on Foreign Missions of Indiana Yearly Meeting, referred to this Meeting from last year, having been considered, we concur with the judgment of Men Friends, that way does not open to accept the proposition, and the communication from said Committee is returned.

Essays of Epistles to our sisters of London, Dublin, Indiana, Iowa, New York, Canada, Ohio, Baltimore, Kansas, North Carolina, and Western Yearly Meetings, and to the Monthly Meeting at Brumana, Mount Lebanon, Syria, have been read, and approved, with some

changes directed by the Meeting, and the Clerk is authorized to sign them on our behalf, and forward them to their respective Meetings.

The Representatives report the names of Friends to constitute a Representative Meeting for the ensuing year, which are approved. (See p. 44.)

The Committee on Peace have presented their Report, which is satisfactory. (See p. 45.) We refer the subject to the special attention of a Committee for the coming year. (See p. 46.) We desire that their influence, and the influence of all our members, may be faithfully exerted in a cause which so vitally concerns the interests of humanity,—that our testimony may be clear and constant against whatever may tend to foster a military spirit in the minds of the young, and that by all means in our power we may encourage the peaceable settlement of national difficulties which the teachings of Christianity require.

The Report of the Committee to audit the Accounts of the Treasurer of the Yearly Meeting, etc., has been read and approved. (See p. 46.)

We unite with Men Friends in the appointment of a Standing Committee on Finance. (See p. 45.)

The Report of our Committee to extend care to the Eastern Indians, (see p. 43,) has been read and approved, and the Committee is re-appointed. We unite in appropriating from our Treasury the sum of \$50, to aid them in their work.

While considering the various important subjects which have claimed our attention during the sessions of this Yearly Meeting, we have reverently to acknowledge, amid many trials of faith, the strength and comfort received day by day from Him who ever watcheth lovingly over His Church, and giveth the sure reward of His peace to the honest-hearted in their humble, self-sacrificing services.

As we are now about to return to our scattered portions of the harvest field, we would commend one another to God, who is able, through the riches of His grace, to keep and bless us, and cause us to abound in every good work.

We separate, proposing to meet in the City of Portland, at the usual time next year, if the Lord permit.

Signed on behalf of the Meeting,

GERTRUDE W. CARTLAND, *Clerk.*

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MINUTES.

1. At the Yearly Meeting of Friends, for New England, held at Portland, Maine, commencing on Seventh-day, Sixth Month 14th, 1879.

2. By the Reports received from our several Quarterly Meetings, it appears that the following named Friends have been appointed Representatives to this Meeting, viz. :—

FROM RHODE ISLAND—Jacob Mott, Thomas B. Buffum, Obadiah Chace, James Dennis, Albert K. Smiley, Benjamin F. Knowles, Allen Jay, Samuel R. Buffinton and Joseph E. Macomber.

FROM SALEM—Owen Dame, Alvin Hoag, Moses Sawyer, Thomas Folsom, William O. Newhall, Charles F. Coffin, Peter M. Neal, Gilbert C. Hoag, Josiah D. Challis, Herod Chase, Daniel Beede, James P. Boyce and Eli Jepson.

FROM SANDWICH—George Howland, Jr., Edward G. Dillingham, James B. Congdon, Isaac R. Potter, George Hussey Gifford, Josiah Holmes, Jr., Stephen R. Wing, David K. Akin, William C. Taber, Arnold Gifford, Matthew Howland, John F. Tucker and Gideon Wood.

FROM FALMOUTH—Lemuel Jones, George Douglas, Joseph C. Chute, Clement R. Hanson, Oliver Robinson, Silas H. Cartland, Augustus F. Cox, Joseph Stimpson, Abram Winslow, Timothy Hanson, James E. Goddard and John J. Frye.

FROM SMITHFIELD—Richard Battey, Paul A. Randall, James G. Arnold, Thomas Grover and Reuben A. Wheeler.

FROM VASSALBORO—J. William Jacob, Clement R. Jones, Charles B. Cates, Thomas B. Nichols, Caleb Jones, Josiah Philbrook, Jedediah J. Varney, Alfred H. Jones, William Hodges, Stephen Jones, John C. Varney and William A. Jones.

FROM DOVER—Jacob K. Purinton, Tobias Meader, William P. Tuttle, Timothy B. Hussey, William B. Dennis, Samuel Buffum, Otis Meader, Oliver Meader, Ira T. Jenkins and Thomas E. Roberts.

FROM FAIRFIELD—Henry Winslow, Reuben T. Jones, George Richardson, George A. Wing, Zeno K. Mason, Levi Jones, Isaac Winslow, Joseph E. Briggs and Joseph Taylor,—

whose names being called they are all present except eight, for the absence of five of whom satisfactory reasons have been assigned.

3. Our beloved friend, Stanley Pumphrey, from England, whose certificates were read in this Meeting and duly accredited on our records in 1876, is again acceptably in attendance of this Meeting.

4. We have also the acceptable company of our beloved friends, David Johnston, William Penn Angell and Thomas Kimber from New York Yearly Meeting; William A. Symmes and William P. Hastings from North Carolina Yearly Meeting; Daniel Haviland and Joseph Stanley from Ohio Yearly Meeting;—who have presented satisfactory testimonials from their respective Meetings, expressive of unity with them as Ministers and with their present religious engagements.

5. Our friends, Mary S. Kimber, an Elder, accompanying her husband, Thomas Kimber, with a minute of unity, from New York Monthly Meeting, and Elihu Cobbs, companion to our friend, Daniel Haviland, with a minute of unity from East Goshen Monthly Meeting, Ohio, are also acceptably with us.

6. Very acceptable Epistles from the Yearly Meetings of London, Ireland, New York, Baltimore, North Carolina, Ohio, Indiana, Western, Iowa, and one from Canada, for the year 1877, which did not come to hand last year, also one from that Meeting for 1878, and one from Kansas, have been read at this time to our comfort and satisfaction, and we appoint the following named Friends to prepare, as way may open, Essays of reply thereto, and present them at a future sitting, viz.: William C. Taber, Allen Jay, Henry T. Wood, John Paige, Benjamin H. Jones, Albert K. Smiley, J. William Jacob, Abner Potter, James G. Arnold, Charles M. Jones, Charles C. Varney, Albert C. Buffum, James B. Congdon, David Douglas, Benjamin F. Knowles, Thomas B. Buffum, Eli Jones, Samuel Buffum, Thomas B. Nichols, George Howland, Jr., Augustine Jones, William H. Beal, Elijah Cook, Daniel Beede, Matthew Howland, William P. Macomber and Samuel R. Buffinton.

7. All our Quarterly Meetings report that they have directed their Treasurers to pay to the Treasurer of this Meeting, their respective proportions of Yearly Meeting stock.

8. In consequence of the death of our friend, Edward W. Howland,

a vacancy exists in the Standing Committee on Finance of this Yearly Meeting. The Representatives to this Meeting are directed to present at our next session the name of a Friend to fill the vacancy.

Adjourned to 4 o'clock this afternoon.

AFTERNOON. — Met pursuant to adjournment.

9. George Howland, Jr., on behalf of the Representatives, informed the Meeting that they were united in proposing William O. Newhall for Clerk, and Henry T. Wood and Timothy B. Hussey for Assistant Clerks; which nominations being severally approved, they are appointed to those stations for the ensuing year.

10. The Representatives also propose that George Howland, Jr., be appointed a member of the Finance Committee to fill the vacancy occasioned by the death of Edward W. Howland, which is approved, and he is accordingly appointed a member of that Committee.

11. The following changes have occurred in our several Quarterly Meetings, during the past year, as reported in their accounts to this Meeting, viz.:

Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting reports that Eunice Metcalf, an Elder, and member of Providence Monthly Meeting, died Third Month 7th, 1879, aged 83 years, 5 months and 10 days, and Ruth Anthony, an Elder, and member of Rhode Island Monthly Meeting, died Third Month 29th, 1879, aged 75 years, 7 months and 21 days; and that it has united with South Kingstown Monthly Meeting in acknowledging the gift and approving the public ministry of William H. Perry.

Salem Quarterly Meeting reports that it has united with Salem Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Phebe H. Buxton to the station of Elder; Olivia C. Oliver, an Elder, and member of the same Monthly Meeting, died Fourth Month 18th, 1879, aged 76 years, 11 months and 13 days, Ruth J. Challis, an Elder, and member of Seabrook Monthly Meeting, died Second Month 2d, 1879, aged 72 years, 3 months and 23 days; Salem Monthly Meeting has established a Preparative Meeting in Boston, to be held on Fourth-day before the first Fifth-day in each month at 3.30, P. M. in joint session.

Sandwich Quarterly Meeting reports that Isaac R. Gifford, an Elder, and member of Dartmouth Monthly Meeting, died Eighth Month 2d, 1878, aged 91 years, 2 months and 7 days, Nathaniel Gifford, an Elder, and member of Westport Monthly Meeting, died Eighth Month

22d, 1878, aged 80 years, 3 months and 26 days; it has united with New Bedford Monthly Meeting in acknowledging the gift and approving the public ministry of William Thompson and Edward G. Dillingham, and with Dartmouth Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Angeline S. Gidley, to the station of Elder.

Falmouth Quarterly Meeting reports that it has united with Durham Monthly Meeting in acknowledging the gift and approving the public ministry of Mary F. Tuttle, and appointing Lucy Jones to the station of Elder, and the same Monthly Meeting has released Robert Goddard, 2d, from the station of Elder, and that Falmouth Monthly Meeting has appointed John J. Frye, its correspondent, in place of George Douglas, who has removed from its limits.

Smithfield Quarterly Meeting reports that it has united with Uxbridge Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Abigail Wheeler, James G. Arnold, and Phebe M. Pitts, to the station of Elder; the same Monthly Meeting has appointed Timothy K. Earle, its correspondent; address, Worcester, Mass.

Vassalboro Quarterly Meeting reports that it has united with China Monthly Meeting in acknowledging the gift and approving the public ministry of Lydia A. Frye, and with Vassalboro Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Gilbert Aldrich to the station of Elder; Rebecca S. Pope, an Elder, and member of Vassalboro Monthly Meeting, died Ninth Month 25th, 1878, aged 77 years, 8 months and 16 days, Ann Elmira Lang, an Elder, and member of the same Monthly Meeting, died Third Month 17th, 1879, aged 79 years, 1 month and 28 days, John D. Lang, a Minister, also a member of the same Monthly Meeting, died Fifth Month 24th, 1879, aged 80 years and 10 days, James Jones, a Minister, and member of China Monthly Meeting, died Ninth Month 4th, 1878, aged 89 years, 9 months and 2 days, Ann Jones, a Minister, and member of the same Monthly Meeting, died Ninth Month 17th, 1878, aged 87 years, 11 months and 23 days, Lois Varney, an Elder, also a member of the same Meeting, died Fifth Month 10th, 1879, aged 90 years, 6 months and 16 days, Daniel Cook, an Elder, and member of Unity Monthly Meeting, died Fourth Month 9th, 1879, aged 75 years, 3 months and 2 days.

Fairfield Quarterly Meeting reports that Allen Wing, an Elder, and member of Sidney Monthly Meeting, died Fourth Month, 8th, 1879, aged 91 years, 8 months and 2 days, and Hannah Pope, an Elder, and member of Litchfield Monthly Meeting, died Third Month 16th, 1879, aged 87 years, 6 months and 22 days.

12. The Committee having the care of the Boarding School at Providence, have presented their Annual Report, which having been read and deliberately considered, is satisfactory to the Meeting, and very fully united with; and we conclude to appoint the following named Friends, on the part of this Meeting, a Committee to propose at a future sitting the names of suitable Friends to constitute a School Committee for the year ensuing, viz.: Albert K. Smiley, Samuel R. Buffinton, John H. Crosman, Charles H. Jones, Josiah Holmes, Jr., James B. Congdon, Henry F. Newell, Cyrus Cartland, Richard Battey, James G. Arnold, Eli Jones, Charles B. Cates, Jacob K. Purinton, Timothy B. Hussey, I. Warren Hawkes and Moses Bailey.

REPORT OF THE BOARDING-SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

TO THE YEARLY MEETING:

The Committee having the care of the Boarding School, at Providence, report,—That they have given attention to the important concern confided to them. They have held stated meetings, at which a large proportion of their members have been present, and have at such meetings appointed sub-committees for the more immediate care of the schools and family during the interim, by which means the general committee has been kept informed of the progress of the school and of the management of the affairs of the Institution; which have been very satisfactory to them.

The school for the year just closing, as for several past years, has been doing a very good work and has sustained its previous character for efficiency and culture.

The religious interest which for some time past has been a marked feature in the school, has continued during the past year. The cheerful acquiescence of the scholars in the discipline of the school, and its healthy moral tone, are, we believe, in part the result of this influence, and its presence is cause for grateful acknowledgment.

The number of scholars in attendance has been for the Autumn Term, 201, and for the Spring Term, 176.

The meetings for religious worship, on First and Fourth days, have been continued, and have been seasons of comfort and edification to many who have enjoyed the privilege of sitting in them.

The health of the scholars and family has been almost uninterruptedly good.

At the meeting of the Committee Second Month 4th, we were informed by our present worthy and efficient Principal Albert K. Smiley, who has so successfully and satisfactorily conducted the affairs of the Institution for the past nineteen years, that, owing to the state of his health, he was under the necessity of declining to renew his engagement for further service in the school.

While the Committee was fully sensible of the propriety of his withdrawal from the responsible position which he has so long and so acceptably filled, they deeply regretted his decision, and deem it but just to say at the close of his long term of service, that the financial affairs of the Institution have been conducted with great skill and success.

During his administration, the buildings and premises have been kept in good order and repair, and every year but one, in which a small loss occurred, a dividend has accrued for the benefit of the school.

A committee was appointed to nominate a successor, which committee, at a special meeting held Second Month 25th, reported, That they were unanimous in proposing the name of Augustine Jones as Principal for the ensuing year, which proposition, after serious consideration and a fervent appeal to our Father in Heaven, for His help in the important matter before us, was accepted, and he accordingly appointed to that situation for the year commencing in the Seventh Month next.

It is expected that the school will be continued on substantially the same basis as heretofore, nearly all the teachers previously employed having been already re-engaged.

The account of the Treasurer of the School Fund shows that he has received as

Income from the General Fund (\$90,166 01,)	\$5,709 50	
Received by him from the Treasurer of the Yearly Meeting as income of \$12,000, a Fund in his hands,	541 35	
From returned fire insurance premium.	228 50	
	<u> </u>	\$6,479 35

PAYMENTS.

Balance due the Treasurer last year,	\$43 97	
Fire insurance premiums paid,	512 50	
Paid A. K. Smiley, Principal, on behalf of the school,	5,922 88	
	<u> </u>	\$6,479 35

FROM THE CHARITABLE FUND.

Balance on hand last year,	\$1,128 87	
Income from the Fund, (amounting to \$33,137 50,)	2,301 70	
	<u> </u>	\$3,430 57

PAYMENTS.

School bills paid for twenty-three scholars,	\$2,580 00	
Remaining in Treasurer's hands,	850 57	
	<u> </u>	\$3,430 57

The accounts of the Principal of the school show the following items of receipt and expenditure:

RECEIPTS.

Income received from the Treasurer of School Fund,	\$5,922 88	
Income from board and tuition for the year,	37,314 62	
	<u> </u>	\$43,237 50

EXPENDITURES.

Salaries to teachers and officers,	\$13,627 36
Wages for labor,	5,865 44
Provisions,	12,710 05
Fuel and light,	2,455 89
Water,	380 31
Repairs and replacements,	5,597 83
Incidentals, including periodicals, additions to library, medicines and postage,	487 16
Estimated profits remaining,	2,113 46
	<hr/> \$43,237 50

The tax upon the real estate for the year 1878, amounting to \$2,963 80, has been paid from the accrued profits of the school.

Yearly Meeting Boarding School in account with Geo. Howland, Jr., Treasurer N. E. Y. Meeting.

1878.

Sixth Month 5.	To balance from last year,	\$2,568 06
Sixth Month 5.	To dividend on bonds,	135 00
Sixth Month 5.	To premium on gold,	1 18
Eighth Mo. 7.	To amount re'd from A. K. Smiley,	2,256 90
Ninth Mo. 2.	To dividend on bonds,	135 00
Twelfth Mo. 5.	To dividend on bonds,	135 00

1879.

Third Month 3.	To dividend on bonds,	135 00
Sixth Month 1.	To amount received for interest,	40 00
		<hr/> \$5,406 14

1878.

Sixth Month 11.	By amount paid A. K. Smiley, per order of Committee,	\$2,568 06
Eighth Mo. 22.	By amount paid City of Providence for curbing,	255 80
Eleventh Mo. 11.	By amount paid Thos. Harkness, Treasurer School Fund,	271 18
Twelfth Mo. 9.	By am't paid Thos. Harkness. do.	135 00

1879.

Third Mo. 3.	By am't paid Thos. Harkness, do.	135 00
Sixth Mo. 3.	By amount paid A. K. Smiley, per order of Committee,	2,041 10
		<hr/> \$5,406 14

Errors excepted.

GEO. HOWLAND, JR.,
Treas. N. E. Y. Meeting.

New Bedford, Sixth Month 3d, 1879.

The following list comprises the names of the officers and teachers for the year which will close on the 24th inst.:

Albert K. Smiley, Principal.

Daniel C. Maxfield, Governor and Teacher of English branches.

Thomas J. Battey, Teacher of Natural Sciences.

John M. Potter, Teacher of Mathematics.

Francis B. Gummere, Teacher of German and English branches, who had leave of absence for six months to pursue his studies in Germany, during which interval the place was filled by Clarkson Collins.

Seth K. Gifford, Teacher of Latin and Greek.

Rebecca H. Smiley, Principal of Female Department.

Susan S. Moore, Governess and Teacher of English branches.

Bessie T. Wing, Teacher of French, History and Literature.

Martha G. Read, Teacher of Mathematics.

Mary Amy Collins and Elizabeth G. Wills, Teachers of English branches.

Sophia E. Pitman, Teacher of Drawing and Painting.

Allen Jay, Clerk and Accountant.

At our meeting in the Seventh Month a proposition to appoint a committee "to consider the rates of tuition fixed for admission to the school, and collateral questions affecting a proper consideration of this subject" was approved, and a committee appointed, who reported in the Fourth Month, the following rates, which the Clerk was directed to embody in the report to the Yearly Meeting.

For members of our Yearly Meeting, per annum,	\$100 00
For members of other Yearly Meetings, or when one or both parents are members of our religious society,	190 00
For all others who may be admitted,	300 00

One-half payable at the commencement of the year, and one-half at the opening after recess.

An additional charge of ten dollars each, to be made for one year's instruction in Greek, Latin, French, German or Drawing.

The committee having obtained access to a good likeness of the late Obadiah Brown, through whose liberality the school was so largely endowed, have caused to be painted a portrait of this early friend of the Institution, which has been placed in the reception room of the school, where also hangs a portrait of his venerable father, Moses Brown, its founder.

With an appreciation of our loss, we have to inform the Yearly Meeting that Benjamin Buffum and Edward W. Howland, two of the active and efficient members of the committee, have deceased during the year.

On behalf and by direction of the Committee.

GEO. HOWLAND, JR., *Clerk.*

BOARDING SCHOOL.

Providence, Sixth Month, 3d, 1879.

NOTE.—The Autumn term begins Ninth Month 3d, 1879, and closes First Month 21st, 1880. Winter recess begins First Month 21st, 1880, and

closes Second Month 4th, 1880. The Spring term begins Second Month 4th, 1880, and closes Sixth Month 22d, 1880.

Applications for admission to the school should be made seasonably for the meeting of the Committee on the 5th day of Eighth Month next.

Those who are members of our Yearly Meeting will have precedence of all others to that date; after which applications will be acted upon in the order in which they are received. Those who desire the benefit of the charitable funds should apply at the time above specified.

All applications should be sent to the Principal. Address, AUGUSTINE JONES, Friends' Boarding School, Providence, R. I.

13. We have at this time the acceptable company of our dear friend, Helen Balkwill, a Minister, with satisfactory testimonials from the Monthly Meeting of Friends of the West Division of Devonshire, held the 14th of Third Month, 1877; endorsed by the Quarterly Meeting of Devon and Cornwall, held the 11th of Fourth Month, 1877; and from London Yearly Meeting on Ministry and Oversight, held in London, the 21st and 22d of Fifth Month and the 1st of the Sixth Month, 1877.

14. We have also the acceptable company of our dear friend, Sarah G. Pumphrey, wife and companion to Stanley Pumphrey, with a satisfactory minute from Bury Monthly Meeting, held at Sudbury, England, Seventh Month 22d, 1877.

15. We have the acceptable company of our dear friends Ruth S. Murray, from New York Yearly Meeting, and Deborah C. Thomas, from Baltimore Yearly Meeting, who have presented satisfactory minutes from their respective meetings, expressive of unity with them as Ministers and with their present religious engagements.

16. Lydia Stanley, an Elder, accompanying her husband, Joseph Stanley, with a minute of unity from Damascus Monthly Meeting, is also acceptably in attendance of this Meeting.

17. We appoint our friends, Obadiah Chace, John H. Crosman, Gideon Wood, Lemuel Jones, Paul A. Randall, Caleb Jones, Albert C. Buffum and George Richardson, to prepare a summary of the Answers to the Queries received from our Quarterly Meetings, and present it at our next sitting.

18. We appoint Albert K. Smiley, Owen Dame, David K. Akin, George Douglas, Richard Battey, Charles B. Cates, William B. Dennis and Henry Winslow a Committee to audit and settle the accounts of the Treasurer of this Meeting, to the present date; to propose a sum to be raised sufficient to defray the expenses of the Meeting the ensuing year; and to propose the name of a friend for Treasurer, also

the name of a friend for Treasurer of the Boarding School Fund, and report at a future sitting.

19. The following statistical information has been received from our several Quarterly Meetings, viz. :

	Number reported last year.	Error in last year's report, gain.	Error in last year's report, loss.	Births.	Deaths.	Moved in.	Moved out.	Admitted.	Released.	Gain.	Loss.	Present number.
Rhode Island	675	1		5	12	15	3	44	1	49		724
Salem	684			2	12	11	3	2	3		3	681
Sandwich . .	754			6	18	3	0	15	1	5		759
Falmouth . .	578		9	4	6	14	8	20	6	9		587
Smithfield . .	445	2		0	10	0	6	1	2		15	430
Vassalboro . .	524		6	1	10	0	4	4	2		17	507
Dover	333			1	6	0	5	6	3		7	326
Fairfield . . .	453		1	5	6	7	8	4	6		5	448
Total . . .	4446	3	16	24	80	50	37	96	24	63	47	4462
Gain . . .										16		

Adjourned to 10 o'clock Second-day Morning the 16th.

SECOND-DAY MORNING, THE 16TH.

The Meeting again assembled. Representatives present except six.

20. The Meeting now entered upon a consideration of the state of Society, as presented by the Answers to the Queries from our several Quarterly Meetings, proceeding therein through the second. After which much pertinent and salutary counsel and advice were handed forth both by beloved brethren visiting us, and very largely from our own members; when the Meeting adjourned to 4 o'clock this afternoon.

AFTERNOON. — Assembled pursuant to adjournment.

21. The consideration of the state of Society was resumed and concluded.

MINUTE ON EXERCISE OF THE MEETING.

It was cause of reverent thankfulness, as we engaged in this inquiry into the condition of the church, that a solemn covering of the Lord's Spirit was spread over us, not only to show Himself gracious to us, but

to qualify faithful servants and witnesses for Him, with long-suffering and doctrine, to counsel, to warn, and to encourage.

We were reminded that now, as of old, they that fear the Lord will be glad to meet often together, to render the heartfelt homage which is due to His great name. Indeed our very existence as a healthy religious body largely depends upon this. Not more do our natural bodies need regular and frequent sustenance than does the church need this stated and frequent presentation of its members for the worship of our Father in heaven and to feed upon the bread of life. We were reminded that in our experience as a Christian body the punctual attendance of our religious meetings, with a sincere desire that we may be blessed in them, was a pretty sure indication of their spiritual condition. And when we are met together for the worship of God what is our attitude before Him, and how are our minds occupied? Are the true hunger and thirst after righteousness experienced, which the Master of assemblies is engaged to satisfy? Are we so engaged in the occupation of the spiritual gifts which the Father is pleased to bestow, that they who may be drawn to come in among us are like those of old convinced of all and judged of all, and are constrained to "worship God, and report that God is in us of a truth"? And do we remember that on these occasions it is our duty, and also our blessed privilege, to make a part of that spiritual house, to offer up spiritual sacrifices, acceptable to God by Jesus Christ? In our service for Him are we careful, with consecrated powers, to do his bidding at our very best, and as skilfully as we may?

And may none stifle or restrain in our own hearts the gifts which God may have dispensed to us for the good of others, as coldness and blindness would not only follow such unfruitfulness in us, but our condition would also hinder the blessed work in the hearts of others, and we should thereby become, in a two-fold sense, stumbling blocks in the church.

Another incentive to our meeting together for Divine worship, we were assured, would be found in the exercise of that Christian love from which alone can spring the unity of the Spirit which is the true bond of church fellowship. If we really love as brethren, how naturally shall we desire to present together our petitions for the supply of our own and the church's need, to partake together of the feast of fat things which the Lord will make unto His people, and together to mingle the voice of thanksgiving, and tell of all His wondrous works.

In some instances a deficiency in the regular attendance of meetings for discipline is reported. Are any of these meetings dry and formal in the transaction of routine business and thus become unattractive, particularly to our younger members? "Hold all your meetings," said George Fox, "in the power of God;" and this injunction is certainly applicable to our meetings for discipline. If in these meetings we were to consider with warm interest how the Lord's work is going on within our limits, whether the flock is shepherded, the lambs nourished, and in each neighborhood the new converts visited and encouraged, we believe the inquiry would not only be helpful to the church, but would add interest to the occasion, so that an increased attendance would follow.

We were affectionately exhorted to uprightness and Christian probity in our dealings among men, "walking honestly toward them that are without." The godly care that should be upon us, and that our predecessors maintained, was recommended. "When ye were faithful at the first," writes George Fox, "the world would refrain from you, and not have commerce with you; but after, when they saw ye were faithful, and just in things, and righteous and honest in your tradings and dealings, then they came to have commerce and tradings with you the more, because they know ye will not cozen them nor cheat them." As this integrity and upright walk is maintained, we shall be preserved from bringing reproach upon the name of Christ, while a watchful care is needed on the other hand that we suffer not the unlawful pursuit of worldly things to hinder our progress, and thus, as the same writer declares, "our minds go *into* the things, and not *over* the things." We were also cautioned with respect to our manner of living and our expenditure of money for personal gratification and indulgences, when the pressing want of so many of our fellow creatures, not only of outward comforts but of gospel teaching, was before us.

The Christian is called to a life not only of self-denial, but of consecration of his talents and the means which God has given him, to the service of his Lord, that he may know individually the fulfillment of the prophetic declaration, "I will consecrate their gain unto the Lord and their substance unto the Lord of the whole earth."

The information from our Quarterly Meetings shows not only a slight increase in our membership, but that religious awakening and renewed life is apparent in different localities. An earnest desire was expressed that the next years might be years of harvest to New England Yearly Meeting, and that the Lord would multiply our seed sown, and increase the fruit of his righteousness.

SUMMARY ANSWERS.

ANSWER 1.—All our meetings for worship and discipline have, with a few exceptions, been regularly held. First-day meetings are usually attended by the larger part of our members. Mid-week meetings and those for discipline are neglected by many. The hour is observed with little exception. Unbecoming behavior is mostly avoided.

ANS. 2.—Love and unity are maintained with little exception,—detraction nearly guarded against. When differences arise endeavors are used to end them.

ANS. 3.—Most Friends, we believe, are concerned to maintain a religious life and conversation, and endeavor, by example and precept, to train up their children in accordance with our Christian profession.

ANS. 4.—We believe Friends frequently read the Holy Scriptures, individually as well as collectively, in their families; encouraging their children and others in this religious duty, and maintain our testimony to a free gospel ministry, with some exceptions.

ANS. 5.—We believe the use of intoxicating liquors as a beverage, is

confined to a few of our members. Some are not as careful as would be best to avoid amusements and diversions, inconsistent with a Christian character. Moderation is generally observed.

ANS. 6.— The circumstances of the poor are inspected and their necessities relieved. Care is taken to educate their children.

ANS. 7.— Clear in the several parts of this query with exceptions in some of the Quarterly Meetings.

ANS. 8.— We believe nearly all our members are careful in these respects.

ANS. 9.— A few omissions of recording under notice and a few removals without certificates,— some care taken.

ANS. 10.— Friends endeavor to administer the discipline in Christian tenderness, timely and impartially, and to place judgment when it appears necessary, in the authority of truth, and according to discipline.

22. The following summary of the Answers to the Queries from the Yearly Meeting of Ministers and Elders, together with a Minute of that Meeting, were laid before this Meeting and read, viz. :

MINUTE OF THE YEARLY MEETING OF MINISTERS AND ELDERS, SIXTH MONTH, 1879.

The Queries were read in this Meeting, with Answers thereto from our several Quarterly Meetings, a summary of which the clerk was directed to lay before the Yearly Meeting, with the accompanying minute.

ANS. 1.— Ministers and Elders are, we believe, diligent in attending their meetings for worship and discipline, and are careful to promote the attendance of their families, with little exception, from one meeting.

ANS. 2.— We believe Ministers and Elders endeavor to have their lives and conversation clean and blameless amongst men, and with little exception they are in unity one with another, and with the meeting to which they belong, harmoniously laboring together for the honor of truth.

ANS. 3.— They endeavor to rule their own houses well, and by example and precept to encourage their families in a religious life and conversation consistent with our Christian profession.

ANS. 4.— We are in a good degree preserved in love, and endeavor to be ready to administer encouragement or counsel, as occasion requires, in reference to ministry or conduct, with little exception in one preparative meeting.

Whilst engaged in this investigation, we were forcibly reminded of the injunction " Watch unto prayer " that no diversity of sentiment, no feeling of indifference, or individual tenacity of opinion may be permitted to intercept the full and free circulation of that pure love which emanates from our Father in Heaven, and which brings into closer fellowship one with another, and into a blessed union with the Holy Head. Our hearts were humbled under a fresh sense that this portion of the church needs a further baptism into Christ, that it may be more thoroughly cleansed from

all defilement, and be better prepared to labor harmoniously and effectually, under the Lord's guiding hand, for the repairing of breaches, the restoring of crumbling walls, and the promotion of His own blessed cause. We reverently acknowledge the *cause* is His, and the *power* is His, and that it is only as we receive the anointing which comes from Him that we can be fully prepared to discharge our varied duties, and witness Him to be the "Healer of breaches and the Restorer of paths to dwell in."

On behalf of the meeting.

JOHN PAIGE, *Clerk*.

23. The following Minute from the Yearly Meeting of Friends in Ireland, was received and read, as follows, viz. :

YEARLY MEETING OF FRIENDS IN IRELAND.

As it appears particularly desirable that we should have a correct list of the correspondents appointed by London, and by each of the Yearly Meetings in America, our correspondents are directed to apply for this information, when forwarding our Epistles to each of the Yearly Meetings with which we correspond. They are also directed to request the several Yearly Meetings to be careful to have the signatures of their correspondents attached to their Epistles, by forwarding to each Yearly Meeting a copy of this Minute.

HENRY WHITE, *Clerk*,
6 Eustace St., Dublin.

Correspondents :

ADAM WOODS, 20 Temple Lane.
THOS. W. FISHER, 12 Cope St.

24. The records of the Representative Meeting were now read, and the proceedings of that Meeting are approved by the Yearly Meeting.

25. By the records of the Representative Meeting it appears that the following subject from Falmouth Quarterly Meeting is referred to this Meeting, viz. :

TO THE REPRESENTATIVE MEETING :

This Meeting is desirous of asking of the Representative Meeting the following question :

Has a minister the right of appeal from the decision of a Monthly Meeting to that of a Quarterly Meeting, when its approval of his ministry has been denied him?

From the Minutes of Falmouth Quarterly Meeting of Friends, held at South Durham, Eighth Month 31st, 1878.

CHAS. W. WEBBER, *Clerk*.

Whereupon we appoint, on the part of this Meeting, our Friends, Josiah Holmes, Jr., William C. Taber, Augustine Jones, Jacob K.

Purinton, Eli Jones, and Albert K. Smiley, a Committee to whom we refer the subject, and they are requested to report at a future sitting.

26. Our beloved friend, Rufus P. King, of North Carolina Yearly Meeting is now with us and has presented Minutes from his Monthly and Quarterly Meetings expressive of unity with him as a Minister, and with his present religious engagements. His company is acceptable to us.

27. The Committee to whom was referred the concern of this Meeting for the improvement of the Penobscot and Passamaquoddy Indians, made the following report, viz. :

COMMITTEE ON PENOBSCOT AND PASSAMAQUODDY INDIANS.

TO THE YEARLY MEETING :

The Committee on the concern of this Meeting in relation to the Penobscot and Passamaquoddy Indians report,

That they have not found the way open for any action on their part calculated to promote the object had in view by the Meeting in their appointment. The peculiar position of this people is such, and such the action of the legislature of the State of Maine in relation to them that the way seems to be closed for any further proceedings on the part of this Meeting in their behalf, and the Committee would recommend that no further action be taken by this Meeting upon the subject.

On behalf of the Committee,

JAMES B. CONGDON,
SARAH M. RICHARDSON.

PORTLAND, SIXTH MONTH 16TH, 1879.

The report is accepted by the Meeting and we now release the Committee from further service.

Adjourned to meet in joint session to-morrow morning at 10 o'clock.

THIRD-DAY MORNING, SIXTH MONTH 17TH.

The Meeting assembled in joint session pursuant to adjournment.

28. The following proposition from Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting is received, viz. :

PROPOSITION FROM RHODE ISLAND QUARTERLY MEETING.

Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Ministers and Elders propose that the hour of holding that Meeting in the Fifth Month, at East Greenwich, be changed from 2 o'clock to 3 o'clock in the afternoon, with which this Meeting unites.

Which is approved by this Meeting and the change is accordingly made, and the clerk is directed to give the necessary information.

29. The joint Committee on the subject of Temperance have presented the following report, viz. :

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON TEMPERANCE.

TO NEW ENGLAND YEARLY MEETING OF FRIENDS:

The Committee appointed in the Sixth Month last, to labor in the cause of total abstinence from all intoxicating drinks, report, that they have endeavored to attend to their appointment as way has opened in this important service. Realizing the necessity of a right education for the children, that the coming generation may occupy a true position in relation to this absorbing question, the Committee have continued their efforts in circulating the "triple pledge" in our Bible schools; believing this to be an efficient means of moulding the young mind against the use of intoxicating drinks, a habit that is sending so many thousands annually to an untimely grave, and threatening seriously the future welfare of the nation.

Certain localities in the Yearly Meeting having claimed our attention where labor seemed to be especially needed, some twenty temperance meetings have been held during the year, which service we have reason to believe has been gratefully received, and we humbly hope and trust will prove a permanent blessing.

As we believe, through the instrumentality of your committee, a call has been issued during the past year upon the various churches of the land, by the State Temperance Convention of Maine, inciting them to unite their efforts against the use of intoxicating drinks, that fruitful source of crime, guilt, and misery, which is rolling through our midst, permeating every class in the community, from the senator in the halls of state to the laborer on the street, and from the professed minister of the "Prince of Peace" to the opened and avowed advocate of unbridled wickedness, merging its votaries in one common ruin.

Notwithstanding the increasing interest apparent among Friends upon the great question of total abstinence from all intoxicating drinks, there is still labor needed in the Society, to stir up the members to a more lively appreciation of their responsibilities upon this important subject.

Especially is work needed in certain portions of our Yearly Meeting, where members indulge in what are called the "lighter stimulants," deeming them not only harmless, but useful; but, alas! in the end this indulgence has been found, in too many instances, to "bite like a serpent and sting like an adder."

In reviewing, therefore, the ground we occupy at present upon this important question, the committee feel it is no time to slacken our efforts; but on the contrary, having stood at the front for more than two centuries, in this warfare, we ought still to be found at our post, our zeal increasing, "our lamps trimmed and burning, and so shining" that others seeing our good works may glorify our Father which is in Heaven."

We recommend that this concern still be under the care of a committee,

and that two hundred dollars be appropriated for the purpose of defraying their expenses for the coming year.

On behalf of the Committee,

JAMES P. BOYCE,
CHARLOTTE D. HOLMES.

PORTLAND, SIXTH MONTH 16TH, 1879.

This report is satisfactory to the Meeting, and the appropriation of the sum called for by the Committee is referred to the Committee on Finance. While engaged in the consideration of this important subject, a concern was expressed that our members refrain from the use of tobacco. We feel sympathy for those who may be addicted to its use, but to these and all others, we commend the language of the apostle to those who, for Christ's sake, had submitted to a close examination of their daily walk and habits of life, "What carefulness it wrought in you, yea, what clearing of yourselves, yea, what indignation, yea, what fear, yea, what vehement desire, yea, what zeal. In all things ye have approved yourselves to be clear in this matter."

We conclude to set apart the following named Friends to present at a future sitting, the names of suitable Friends to constitute a Committee, to whom these important subjects may be committed, viz.: Allen Jay, James P. Boyce, Edward S. Hacker, Susan Ann Gifford, James B. Congdon and Harriette D. Collins.

30. The joint Committee on Foreign Missions made their annual report, which was read, and the interesting and valuable information which it contained was supplemented by members of the committee. It is cause of much satisfaction to the Meeting that so much has been accomplished in this field of labor during the past year. We are comforted with the conviction that the work has been a blessing to the Yearly Meeting. We desire to encourage those who may be entrusted with this concern the coming year. And believing that usefulness would result from the appointment of a new Committee, we appoint our Friends, Albert K. Smiley, Timothy B. Hussey, George Howland, Jr., Charles F. Coffin, Harriet N. Jones, Obadiah Chace, Ann Maria Coffin, Henry T. Wood, Sylvia G. Howland, Allen Jay, Eli Jones and Moses Bailey, a Committee to propose at a future sitting the names of Friends to constitute a Committee to whom this concern may be confided the year ensuing. The appropriation called for in the report is referred to the Committee on Finance for consideration.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

TO THE YEARLY MEETING:

The joint Committee to whom was intrusted the charge of carrying out the concern of the Yearly Meeting, in regard to Foreign Missions, present the following report, viz.:

We can reverently acknowledge that this year, also, the Lord has been our Helper, and has made a way where it would seem there was no way, so that there is reason to praise Him and take courage, believing it is His work.

The Mission work has been carried on during the past year as before. The Training Home appeared to be in a most satisfactory state at the last examinations, not only as regards the progress of the pupils in their studies, but also as to their general conduct. It is expected that in one year some of the scholars will graduate as teachers, and will be able to impress for good the people among whom they work. There are now twenty-four boys at the Home, — fourteen more than last year. They manifest good abilities and are well trained by their teachers.

Beside the Training Home, there are ten day-schools under the care of the Mission. The children are taught the simpler branches of education, and earnest endeavors are also made to exert a Christian influence over these young minds.

The Medical Department, for which additional facilities have been provided, is doing much good among these poor people. Three thousand patients have applied for medical aid during the year. Sometimes during the summer, there would be seventy present in one day. Out of three hundred cases of measles, ten were fatal. Out of fifty who were treated for diphtheria, three died. While thus endeavoring to cure the bodily ailments, patients are also directed to the Great Physician, who is able to cure sin-sick souls.

Meetings for Worship have been regularly held at Brumana, and the Monthly Meeting in due course. Several have expressed a desire to become members, and three have been accepted; the other cases are under consideration. The first death in the Monthly Meeting was that of Abee Joseph, who had been for two years a member, during which time he had not once failed to attend the Meetings for Worship and Monthly Meeting. He entered into rest on the 18th of Eleventh Month, 1878. Theo. Waldmeier says—"He was a bright, simple follower of Jesus. The Gospel showed its enlightening and regenerating effects upon his heart." Before he closed his pilgrimage, he said, "It is wonderful how my Heavenly Father deals with me! Oh! how sweet it is to feel His presence at the hour of death. Some people are afraid to die, but I rejoice in Him who conquered death for me! I do not need a priest nor any other mediators or ceremonies, because Christ has completed His work in me and for me." More than seven hundred people attended the funeral, and there was a good opportunity to witness for the Truth and preach the Gospel among them.

Isaac Shammah, our Bible reader, has been engaged during the year in visiting, in the love of the Gospel, among the neighboring villages and elsewhere. He spent some time at Ramallah, Jerusalem, Jericho, and Bethlehem, and also felt called to visit places in the northern boundary of Syria. He found there a number of people who were much inclined to the principles of Friends. The Gospel was preached, and many hearts touched during these journeys, and it is believed the visits were blessed to many souls. With some other members of the Mission, he went down to Beirut to assist the destitute and suffering women and children, and while relieving their bodily miseries they had also a good opportunity to present the "Bread of Life" to their souls. They were listened to with eager attention, and much feeling manifested.

Im Joseph, the Bible woman, has been employed mostly in and around the village of Beit Mary. At first there was much opposition, but it has gradually diminished, especially since the opening of our Dispensary. Many of the villagers come to it for relief, and thus their prejudices have been dispelled. She now has an open door wherever she goes, and especially at funerals, and beside sick-beds, she is able to witness for the Truth as it is in Jesus.

Our transatlantic Friends, who are associated with us in the work upon Mount Lebanon, and who have borne far the larger share of the burden, have also a Mission at Ramallah, near Jerusalem, in Palestine. A deputation, consisting of George Satterthwaite and Henry Newman, have lately visited this Mission, and also that at Brumana, in Syria; they reached Ramallah on the 19th of Third Month last. G. S. writes, "A warm welcome awaited us on our arrival. The longer we remain here, I think I may truthfully say, the appreciation of what has been done grows upon us. At the Mother's Meeting more than fifty women were in attendance.

On First-day morning, men, women and children all assembled at half-past seven. It was a touching sight to us, and I think it may be said we were blessed by our Heavenly Father. The number of adults was probably one hundred, the men and women sitting on opposite sides of the room, while the boys and girls, about one hundred and twenty, sat in the middle on the floor. Jacob Hishmah, Ibrahim Tasso and myself spake, and prayer was twice offered."

They found in the Girls' School, at Ramallah, sixty pupils, and at the Boys' eighty-nine. They also say, "The total number of children in actual attendance at the seven schools, when we visited them was three hundred and twenty-six, viz.: two hundred and twenty-two boys and one hundred and four girls. The children are for the most part very, very poor; but they strike us as generally intelligent."

On Fourth Month 9th, the delegation left Beirut for Brumana, some ten miles distant. G. S. says, "About half way between Beit Mary and Brumana, our dear friend, Th. W., met us on horseback. His greeting was, as you may suppose, most warm and fraternal. He seemed unable to control his emotions. After a while we proceeded, and shortly after were met by the children from several of the Mission Schools and the twenty-

four pupils from the Training Home. They sang hymns of welcome. It was very touching; but our feelings were still more wrought upon when we approached the house, the numbers being largely increased, and the tokens of affection were so abundant and evidently sincere.

The teachers in the branch schools in the villages round, under Th. W.'s superintendence, are men of his selection, from the neighborhood who are most of them members of the Monthly Meeting, superior in intelligence, and, it is believed, good christian men.

Then there is Maulim Isaac, the scripture reader and missionary, who goes to the neighboring villages; an earnest-minded man, though not physically strong, and has a poor, afflicted sweet-spirited wife, almost blind.

On First-day morning Fourth Month 13th a large company assembled at 10 o'clock, perhaps 150 to 170, including not a few children. We felt it an important and deeply interesting occasion; to see so many gathered so much like a meeting of Friends at home, though so unlike in complexion and costume, and to witness what God had wrought, and how he had blest the laborer, was quite affecting.

"At three o'clock was the First-day School for boys, girls and a few women, more than one hundred. I think this school is calculated to do much good.

The examination of the boys at the Training Home was very interesting and very creditable."

Since our last report a Girls' School has been started at Beit Mary with an attendance of twenty or more, mostly the daughters of Druse parents. The school is taught by a daughter of Im Yusef, the Bible reader and missionary. The mother has charge, also, of a First-day School among that strange people which is as a light amid surrounding darkness.

From the account of the Treasurer we learn that there has been received from all sources (including the balance on hand from last year, and \$800 appropriated by the Yearly Meeting) the sum of \$1.804 36

That there has been sent to Brumana,	\$1,653 13	
Amount paid sundry bills,	29 66	
Balance on hand,	121 57	
		<hr/> \$1 804 36

We would respectfully propose to the Yearly Meeting to appropriate the same sum as last year (\$800), for the use of the committee for the ensuing year.

For the Committee.

GEO. HOWLAND, JR.

PORTLAND, SIXTH MONTH 16TH, 1879.

Adjourned to 4 o'clock this afternoon.

AFTERNOON.—Assembled in joint session pursuant to adjournment.

31. The following proposition was introduced by our friend, Stanley Pumphrey, from England: "The formation of an American

Board of Friends' Home and Foreign Missions, composed of representatives appointed by each of the American Yearly Meetings;" which having been read, received the favorable consideration of the Meeting. It was concluded to refer the subject to a Committee of men and women Friends, who are requested to give the subject a more careful consideration; to confer with Friends of other Yearly Meetings upon it, as way may open, and present their judgment thereon to our next Yearly Meeting, viz.: Eli Jones, Albert K. Smiley, Henry T. Wood, Allen Jay, James Dennis, Wm. C. Taber, Matthew Howland, Wm. O. Newhall, Josiah Holmes, Jr., Moses Bailey, Joseph H. Pratt, Joseph E. Briggs, Ellen K. Buffum, Wm. H. Beal, Rachel S. Howland, Rebecca H. Smiley, Anna T. Dennis, Anna G. Wood, Ann Maria Coffin, Margaret B. Cates, Hannah G. Sawyer, Gulielma Freeborn, Anna M. Hussey, Harriette D. Collins and Elizabeth P. Nichols.

32. The Committee on Education have presented their report, viz.:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION.

TO THE YEARLY MEETING:

The Committee on Education report that they have attended to the subject referred to them, and that they believe that there is a growing interest in education throughout the Yearly Meeting. This is shown in the greater number of applications of Friends for admission both at the Boarding School and at Haverford.

This Committee has for a number of years called the attention of the meeting to a class of young men who are desirous of a college course, and have not the means. We now educate large numbers to the extent of preparing them for college, and there our charity ceases. Other denominations on every hand hold out scholarships and educational facilities to these persons to our great and irreparable loss.

We very properly aid remote mission work, but we ought not to neglect our own children, who are earnestly asking for the means and opportunity of greater usefulness. New England children have been largely supported at Haverford by the benevolence of Philadelphia Friends, who were anxious to preserve the life of the College. Even the Professors, while receiving very small compensation for their valuable services, have been forced, by their regard for the College and their sympathy for students, to share the same with them.

There can be no question that the educational work of the College is very thorough and satisfactory; and that those able and faithful men ought to have our hearty support and encouragement, for Haverford holds a very important relation to the coming generations of the Society of Friends in New England.

The Committee therefore recommend that the sum of one hundred dollars be placed in the hands of a Committee, to be expended in assisting students from New England at Haverford, if in their judgment any persons may need such aid. We mention a small sum because the Meeting is not perhaps in a condition to do more. We believe that even this amount will attest our interest in the College; and, further, that it will call the attention of Friends directly to this important subject, and possibly it may furnish a foundation for private contributions.

On behalf of the Committee,

MATTHEW HOWLAND,
AUGUSTINE JONES,
R. S. HOWLAND,
CAROLINE ALICE JONES.

This Report is satisfactory to the Meeting, and we commit the subject to the same Committee the year ensuing.

COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION.

Augustine Jones,
Matthew Howland,
John F. Tucker,

Caroline Alice Jones,
Aseneth Tetlow,
Rachel S. Howland.

33. The joint Committee on the concern of this Meeting for the improvement of the Indians located west of the Mississippi River report as follows, viz. :

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON WESTERN INDIANS.

TO THE YEARLY MEETING :

The Joint Committee on the concern for the improvement of the Western Indians, report that meetings of the Associated Executive Committee have been held, in the Fall of 1878, at Cincinnati, and in New York in the Fifth Month, 1879. Meetings of sub-committees, to confer with officers of the Government upon the best interest of the Indians, and also meetings upon religious interests and missionary labor, have been held from time to time, as occasion has required.

The general work of instructing the Indians in civilization, and the means of procuring a livelihood, without a resort to the hazard of the chase, of teaching the children in schools, and of bringing all classes under the influence of the religion of Jesus Christ, has, in spite of many untoward circumstances, made encouraging progress during the past year. The number of Indians under the care of the Associated Committee has not varied materially for several years. Formerly this number was about 17,500. During the past year, after many changes, the resignation of some of our agents, and the removal by the Department of two

others, apparently to make room for political appointments, the tribes still under our control were found to number 16,100.

The schools in the several Agencies have reported a good attendance during the year, and the teachers have, we believe, discharged their duties with conscientious fidelity. We think that the interest in education on the part of the parents continues to increase. Of the 2,666 children reported of the age to attend school, 973 were in attendance of the twelve boarding and three day schools in the different Agencies.

The religious interests of the Indians, which are perhaps the most important under consideration, have received earnest attention, although the uncertainty of our permanent continuance in some portions of the field has retarded our progress. The removal of Agent Newlin by the Department, and the appointment of H. C. Linn as Agent of the Indians in Kansas, has led to the transfer of their religious and educational interests to the Roman Catholics. In one or two other Agencies, where our control is only partial, the presence of profane and otherwise immoral white persons as employes is unfavorable. The great number of adult Indians who can hardly be reached from want of knowledge of their language also seriously hinders the work. Notwithstanding all these discouragements our missionary work has perhaps never been so fully prosecuted, or with more favorable results than during the past year. The somewhat permanent location of our friends Elkanah and Irena Beard within the limits of the Cheyenne and Arapahoe Agency, mainly under the auspices of Friends of New York Yearly Meeting, is great cause of satisfaction to the Committee. A wide field of usefulness is open in this large and important Agency to which they were warmly welcomed, not only by the Indians but by the troops at Fort Reno.

In the Second Month last, Lawrie Tatum and his wife left their home in Iowa for a pretty thorough visit to all the Agencies in the Territory which are under the care of Friends. Their intimate knowledge of Indian character, from a long residence among them, and a warm Christian interest in their welfare, render these dear Friends valuable as missionaries. An interesting and circumstantial report was received from L. Tatum, at the meeting of the Executive Committee in the Fifth Month. These laborers are still engaged in the Territory.

Until this year, while reaching all ages and nearly every class in the general scope of civilization, and an endeavor to lead them to cultivate the soil, to raise cattle, and generally to abandon their roving and shiftless habits, our influence was still largely confined to the young in the Boarding and day schools, and to the considerably added number who were accustomed to attend the First-day schools. The good which has been accomplished through these agencies it would be difficult to estimate, but to reach effectually the great body of the people, it seems evident that the patient, continuous effort of the skillful and warm-hearted Christian missionary is required. We believe that our efforts in the future must be materially affected by the experience which we have gained in this direction.

While we can gratefully acknowledge that a blessing has attended our labors, we must acknowledge that our relations to the Government have not always been satisfactory. Sometimes an apparent lack of appreciation of the policy of dealing with the Indians, which was inaugurated by President Grant, has been seen in the slowness of the Department in meeting its obligations and furnishing the necessary supplies for the Indians. Sometimes the pressure of politicians and of those whose cupidity and self interest prompted a change in the administration of Indian affairs, and sometimes a willingness to listen to the gross and generally unfounded charges of unfaithfulness on the part of some of the agents, have often made the work difficult and unsatisfactory.

The late removal of Agent Jones from the Quapaw Agency, in violation of the promise of the Government, appears to have been in consequence of apparently malicious charges preferred against him, which can be proved to be groundless, and which no opportunity was given him to meet.

We feel it just, however, to add that the Indian question has not been an easy one to solve on the part of the Government, and also to say that our interviews with President Hayes have been uniformly marked by kindness and generally by cordiality on his part. Believing that the time had come for that step, the Committee, a few weeks since surrendered to the President all responsibility for the civil administration of Indian affairs.

The Committee believe, however, that an open door remains for effective labor with this people, who are no less than before in need of our help, and that Friends should suffer no slight obstacle to stand in the way of continued efforts for their elevation to a higher plane of civilization and Christianity. With this conviction they believed it right to ask the Yearly Meetings to forward to our Treasurer, Charles F. Coffin, of Richmond, Indiana, their several proportions of \$2000 in aid of the work for the coming year. The proportion of this sum for New England Yearly Meeting is \$340.

The death of our friend Edward W. Howland leaves a vacancy on this Committee not easily filled: he felt a strong interest in the welfare of the Indians, and had spent much time visiting them in their distant homes. He also contributed freely of his means for the prosecution of the work.

The school at the Quapaw Mission, under the care of this Yearly Meeting, has been larger than at any previous time. Eighty-six names have been enrolled (forty-one boys and forty-five girls), with an average attendance of sixty-two. Of this number seventy-five speak English understandingly, ten are beginning to speak it, and one, who has lately entered, cannot speak a word of our language. Twenty can read and write well, and have a general knowledge of the ordinary English branches. One of this class is fitting herself to teach.

Emmeline Tuttle writes, "Our Sabbath School has been full of life and interest; and our children love the study of the Bible better than almost anything else. I think I never saw a class that would answer questions

more readily. Many of them show by their conduct a settled religious experience; but all need tender, watchful care." A meeting for worship has been regularly held on First-days in the Agent's house. The Committee have felt much sympathy for our friends Asa and Emmeline Tuttle in the loss of a little daughter, their youngest and only remaining child; she was buried in the Ottawa burial ground beside her two little brothers. There have also been deaths among the Indian children: one of these was an intelligent, promising lad, who was converted at the Ottawa Mission several years ago; he was often engaged in prayer, sometimes vocally. Four days before he died, during the evening collection, he seemed remarkably happy, said the Lord had blessed him, and after meeting shook hands with all present, while the tears trickled down his cheeks.

The Committee have drawn from the Yearly Meeting Treasury, and expended during the year, \$689.78. E. Tuttle reports that their wants have been well supplied, the clothing sent suitable and satisfactory. In concluding the account of the year (which will probably be her last at the mission) she says, "We have had to deal with civilized, half-civilized and barbarous Indians of the West; we have visited them in their cabins and their tents; we have prayed with them in sickness and in health; we have laid our dead beside their dead, and we have all wept together. And now in recounting the past with its many cares, its sore bereavements and rich blessings, we can say with the Psalmist, "Truly the Lord is great and greatly to be praised; His tender mercies are over all His works; He has done great things for us whereof we are glad."

On behalf of the Committee.

HENRY T. WOOD,
ELLEN K. BUFFUM.

This Report is very interesting and satisfactory to the Meeting, and we deeply sympathize with the Committee in the arduous labors which have been before them, and although as much has not been accomplished as we had hoped, still we do rejoice in what has been accomplished; several dear friends now with us from abroad, who have visited the Agencies have greatly encouraged us by the accounts which they have given of the religious awakening and progress which they witnessed there. We conclude to continue the concern under the care of the same Committee, with the exception of our late friend Edward W. Howland, the Committee is encouraged to attend more especially to the religious interests of this hitherto greatly wronged and neglected race. The proposition for an appropriation is referred to the Committee on Finance.

COMMITTEE ON INDIAN AFFAIRS.

Henry T. Wood,
Anna G. Wood,

Martha Jay,
Eli Jepson,

John F. Tucker,	Elizabeth K. Hoxie.
William O. Newhall,	John J. Frye, of Portland.
Ellen K. Buffum,	Myra E. Frye,
Eliza P. Smiley,	Thomas J. Battey,
Sarah Caroline Tobey,	Sarah W. Goddard,
Susan Peckham,	Hannah T. Jenkins,
Mary W. Jones,	Joseph E. Briggs,
Elizabeth H. Newhall,	Thomas B. Buffum,
Rebecca Anthony.	

34. The Committee under appointment, for mission work in North Carolina and other states in the South, made the following Report, viz. :

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON NORTH CAROLINA MISSION.

TO THE YEARLY MEETING :

Our work during the past year has been a very interesting one. We have continued the schools a part of the year in the same neighborhoods where we commenced them two years ago, and very marked progress is the result. We find that the influence of education is very elevating in its character, and that as persons advance in knowledge they are more ambitious, and anxious to learn, and are willing to make sacrifices in order to do so.

There have been ten schools, averaging four and a half months each, held under the care of this Committee, within the limits of North Carolina Yearly Meeting, since our last report. Three of these schools were in Iredell County, two were in Yadkin, one in Surry, one in Stokes, and two in Guilford County, North Carolina. One was in Blount County, Tennessee, where there is a very interesting and needy field of labor in a neighborhood of Friends.

One of these schools was held under the auspices of a Committee of Litchfield Monthly Meeting, in the State of Maine. They co-operated with us in the work, and paid the expenses of sustaining the school.

Considerable money, books, clothing, &c., have been voluntarily contributed by individuals and societies, to promote the interests of this mission. Also, people where the schools have been kept have given to the utmost extent of their ability to help sustain them, which has enabled us to extend the work, so that during the past year we have helped to educate four hundred and forty-one scholars between the ages of five and twenty-five years, more than one-half of whom were children of Friends.

Bible schools were sustained in the neighborhood of each school, and some of our teachers held tract readings, Bible-study meetings, organized temperance societies, &c. The mission work, in addition to the educational part, has been abundant, and greatly blessed.

A member of this Committee visited the mission field in both North Carolina and Tennessee last winter, and he gives a very favorable and

encouraging report of the work, and of those for whose interests we have been laboring. He speaks of many of the scholars being very intelligent and studious, and he says that they and their parents gratefully appreciate what is being done for them. We have received many letters expressing gratitude for the interest we take in them. Besides the bibles, money, tracts, &c., voluntarily contributed to aid this work of benevolence, we have received six barrels of clothing during the past winter from Friends of this Yearly Meeting, a part of which was sent to Tennessee, and part to North Carolina. The donors can never know in this world how much benefit was derived from this donation. Many who before receiving this were deprived of the inestimable privilege of attending meetings, Bible schools, &c., have with tearful eyes and grateful hearts asked blessings on those who gave them this timely aid. Some of the accounts of their needs and of their earnest expressions of gratitude on being relieved have been very touching to our hearts. One man said that he could not help weeping when he heard that a minister from New England was expected at their meeting one First-day morning, because he could not attend it for want of suitable clothes to wear; but we were told that he went to the evening meeting and gave a sweet testimony to the love of God in his heart. Many of our Friends there live in log houses with but one room, but some of these seem to have abundant treasures in Heaven.

One of our teachers in speaking of the liberality of Friends here, writes, "May God grant that the givers may be as much blessed as the receivers have been." A letter recently received from a lad of seventeen, who has attended one of our schools, says, "I do thank the Giver of every good and perfect gift that He ever put it into the hearts of your New England people, to help us poor unworthy creatures down in the mountains of North Carolina." He and many others manifest a great desire to get an education and be fitted for usefulness in the world.

Our teachers have all been untiring in their zeal and efforts to promote, in every possible way, the welfare of those among whom they were laboring. They have sometimes had unpleasant difficulties to surmount, on account of intemperance and other vices which in some places surround them, there being several liquor distilleries in that part of the country, and tobacco being the principal product of the soil; but they have gained the conquest every time, and been able to sustain their temperance and other organizations, and to steadily add numbers to their ranks. Two of the teachers remain there now without remuneration, to continue the mission work, sacrificing the comforts of home in order to do it. Another one remained a month after her school closed, when she was summoned home on account of sickness in her family.

A spirit of revival and religious interest still continues in the limits of Deep Creek Monthly Meeting, as last year. Seventy-one persons have been added to its membership by request since our last report a year ago. There are four hundred members in all belonging to the Monthly Meeting. Although much has been done for these dear people, yet much remains to be done; but we think the time not far distant when they can help themselves and their neighbors. They seem willing to do what they

can. We would recommend that the work be continued in care of a Committee another year, and that \$500 be appropriated for its use. It is impossible for us to give in a condensed report, more than an outline of the work and its needs. Much could be said that would doubtless awaken sympathy and interest, but the influence of what is done will, we believe, soon speak for itself, in the education and elevation of many who will be bright, shining lights in our country and in the Church.

Respectfully submitted,

HANNAH J. BAILEY, COR. SECRETARY for the Committee.

PORTLAND, ME., SIXTH MONTH 13TH, 1879.

COMMITTEE ON PROMOTION OF EDUCATION IN NORTH
CAROLINA, IN ACCOUNT WITH MATTHEW
HOWLAND, TREASURER.

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First Month.	To paid on account of School Books . . .	\$75 06	
	“ “ for Bibles and Testaments . . .	21 95	
	“ “ on account Teachers' Salaries . .	459 65	
	“ “ Board of Missionary and Scholars	35 00	
	“ “ Postage on Books and Papers . .	7 67	
	“ “ Temperance Tracts and Cards .	10 95	
	“ “ Sarah A. Holmes,—Express on		
	Clothing	3 00	
	“ “ Hannah G. Bailey,—for Express	2 00	
	“ “ Balance in hands of Treasurer .	190 20	
			\$805 48

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Sixth Month.	By amount of Balance from last year .	\$91 36	
Twelfth Month.	“ “ received from Treasurer of		
	the Yearly Meeting	600 00	
	By amount received of Susan T. Thomp-		
	son, for Board of Teacher during		
	summer months	5 00	
	By amount received of Rachel S. How-		
	land, for Board of Teacher during		
	summer months	5 00	
	By amount received of Henry T. Wood,		
	for Board of Teacher during summer		
	months	5 00	
	By amount received of sundry Friends .	10 00	
	“ “ “ “ Litchfield Month-		
	ly Meeting	60 00	
	By amount received of Teachers in part		
	payment of School Books	29 12	
			\$805 48

MATTHEW HOWLAND, TREAS.

PORTLAND, ME., SIXTH MONTH 13TH, 1879.

The Report is accepted, and very satisfactory to the Meeting, and we are greatly encouraged by the success which has crowned their efforts in this extensive field of labor, which is so white unto the harvest. The Meeting concludes to continue the concern under the care of the same Committee and the subject of an appropriation is referred to the Committee on Finance. .

COMMITTEE ON MISSION WORK IN NORTH CAROLINA, ETC.

Benjamin F. Knowles,
Joseph E. Macomber,
Gulielma Freeborn,
Gertrude W. Cartland,
Joseph S. Nichols,
Matthew Howland,
Joseph N. Swift,
Hannah G. Hoxie,
Sarah A. Holmes,
George Douglas,
Esther Jones,
Thomas B. Nichols,
Alfred H. Jones,
Elizabeth S. Frye,

Mary R. Jones,
Richard Battey,
Sarah Jane Swift,
Joseph Taylor,
Hannah J. Bailey,
Albert C. Buffum,
Lydia C. Tuttle,
Rachel S. Howland,
Moses Bailey,
Charles M. Jones,
Charles F. Coffin,
Ann Maria Coffin,
Rebecca Hoag,
Moses Sawyer.

35. The Friends appointed to nominate a Committee to have the care of the Boarding School, the ensuing year, report the following named Friends, viz. :

BOARDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

Charles F. Coffin,
George Howland, Jr.,
Moses Bailey,
William C. Taber,
Timothy B. Hussey,
Timothy K. Earle,
Samuel R. Buffinton,
Henry T. Wood,
Richard Battey,
William C. Monroe,
Thomas B. Nichols,
Augustus F. Cox,
James H. Chase,
James O. Inman,
John F. Tucker,
Peter M. Neal,

Ellen K. Buffum,
Ann Maria Coffin,
Sylvia G. Howland,
Ann B. Earle,
Hannah J. Bailey,
Ann K. Colton,
Hannah B. Sawyer,
Laura S. Collins,
Rebecca C. Grinnell,
Anna G. Wood,
Deborah W. Crosman,
Abby S. Battey,
Elizabeth H. Austin,
Sarah F. Tobey,
Esther Jones,
Caroline C. Earle.

Which is approved by the Meeting and they are accordingly appointed to that service.

36. The Committee appointed for that service propose the following named Friends for a Committee on Temperance. The nominations are approved by the Meeting and they are accordingly appointed; viz.:

TO THE YEARLY MEETING:

We, the Committee to propose the names of Friends to constitute a Committee on Temperance, have united upon the following, viz.:

COMMITTEE ON TEMPERANCE.

James P. Boyce, Chairman,

Zephaniah Breed,	Susan T. Thompson,
Augustus F. Cox,	Elizabeth C. Wing,
Edward S. Hacker,	Myra E. Frye,
Eli Jones,	S. Jane Cox,
Albert C. Buffum,	Susan Ann Gifford.
Albert C. Hill,	Lydia Haight,
Joseph E. Briggs,	Eliza Philbrook,
Isaac Warren Hawkes,	Lydia E. Sawyer,
Charles W. Goddard,	Harriet N. Jones,
Samuel R. Buffinton,	Gulielma M. Purinton,
J. William Jacob,	Phebe M. Wadsworth.
George C. Herbert,	Charlotte D. Holmes,
Charles Fisher,	Elizabeth P. Nichols,
Gideon Wood,	Elizabeth A. Gifford,
David S. Wood,	Sarah Hill,
Ellen K. Buffum,	Harriette D. Collins.

On behalf of the Committee,

ALLEN JAY.

PORTLAND, SIXTH MONTH 17TH, 1879.

Adjourned to meet in joint session to-morrow morning at 10 o'clock.

FOURTH-DAY MORNING, SIXTH MONTH 18TH.

The Meeting assembled in joint session pursuant to adjournment.

37. The Committee to visit Subordinate Meetings and the Committee on General Meetings have presented their annual Reports, as follows, viz.:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE TO VISIT SUBORDINATE MEETINGS.

TO THE YEARLY MEETING :

Every member of this Committee has manifested an interest in the work, and most of the Subordinate Meetings have been visited by one or more of our members during the past year; also, many families and individuals, the sick and infirm, and those who for any cause did not attend the meetings where they were members. This home-mission work seems to be a very important and interesting one. We have been cordially received by those visited, and have found many of the meetings in a lively and very flourishing condition, while others are only hopeful and encouraging, and very few are indifferent or apparently dormant. Some of the meetings are very small, and in some there seems to be a lack of sympathy between the older and younger members. A baptism of the Holy Ghost on all is needed, to enable them to work together harmoniously and effectually. We think, too that there should be less criticism on those who labor publicly, and more prayer for them; and as members are added to our branch of the church, there should be more nursing ones, to encourage and strengthen them. In some places Friends are laboring outside of our own society as well as in it, not neglecting either,—thus showing that they love their neighbors as themselves:

Much religious interest prevails in the eastern Quarters, and in some of the western. Many ministers young in experience, as well as the older ones, and many private Christian workers, are laboring earnestly for the upbuilding of the church, and the promotion of religion in their midst.

We as a people need consecrated hearts. "The fields are all white" in New England, and waiting only for skillful hands to gather in the precious harvest.

While the Committee has been doing something to advance the interests of the blessed cause of the Redeemer, it seems as if we had only begun the work, and it should be continued earnestly, persistently, prayerfully, as long as there are so many struggling souls, and hungry ones asking for bread. And we would recommend to the Yearly Meeting the appointment of one Committee this year on General Meetings and other Gospel Work.

On behalf of the Committee.

HANNAH J. BAILEY, *Clerk.*

PORTLAND, ME., SIXTH MONTH 17TH, 1879.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON GENERAL MEETINGS.

TO THE YEARLY MEETING :

The Joint Committee on General Meetings present the following report:

Eight General Meetings have been held during the year, at Lynn, New Bedford and Nantucket, in Massachusetts, Western in Rhode Island, and North Berwick, Manchester, China and Augusta, in Maine. These have

comprised more than one hundred religious meetings, begun and carried on with an earnest desire for the glory of God, and seeking for Divine enlightenment and strength.

From reports received of the result of such labor we learn that the meetings were held, as was believed, to the honor of Truth, and the Gospel preached fully and clearly. There was a manifest interest among the people, the good work was deepened in some hearts, and others were awakened to a sense of their great need.

One distinguishing feature was the Bible readings, which were held in connection with many of the meetings, and were found very interesting and profitable.

We recommend the subject to the continued care of the Yearly Meeting, and we believe we express the feeling of the Committee on Subordinate Meetings, as well as our own, in recommending to the Yearly Meeting the appointment of one committee this year for Gospel Work and General Meetings.

On behalf of the Committee,

TIMOTHY B. HUSSEY,
HARRIETTE D. COLLINS.

PORTLAND, SIXTH MONTH 16TH, 1879.

These Reports are satisfactory and encouraging to the Meeting, and especially information that Meetings held under the care of the Committees were, as they believed, to the honor of Truth, and the Gospel preached fully and clearly. At the suggestion of the Committees, now under appointment, we conclude to release the two Committees, and appoint the following named Friends a Committee to present, at a future sitting, in separate sessions, the names of Friends to constitute a Committee to whom the whole subject may be committed; under the name of "The Committee on General Meetings and other Gospel service," viz.: Albert K. Smiley, Anna T. Dennis, Eli Jones, Rachel S. Howland, Moses Bailey, Hannah J. Bailey, Sarah A. Holmes, Rebecca H. Smiley, William O. Newhall, J. William Jacob, Charles C. Varney, Margaret B. Cates, Harriette D. Collins, William C. Taber, Charlotte D. Holmes, Josiah Philbrook, and Harriet N. Jones.

38. The Committee, appointed to serve this Meeting on behalf of the Freedmen, made the following Report, viz.:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FREEDMEN.

TO THE YEARLY MEETING:

Soon after the appointment of the Committee to attend to your concern for the Freedmen, we arranged with William P. Hastings to take

charge of the Freedmen's Normal Institute, at Maryville, Tennessee, and conduct it in the best interest of its students.

Since then we have had to feel the loss, by death, of our dear friend, Edward W. Howland. We believe he will be much missed in our Yearly Meeting, serving as he did, willingly and efficiently on many of its important committees, that were appointed for bettering the condition of our fellow-men, especially the Indians and the Freedmen, in whose interest he labored, sparing neither his time nor his money.

We are able to report that the School was opened in Eighth Month last with an enrollment, at the close of Ninth Month, of one hundred and seventeen pupils, and during the following months, up to the close of the school, the enrollment increased to 229.

A normal Class of twelve was formed in the opening months of the school, and it steadily grew until, in Second Month, it numbered fifty-four pupils, who were receiving suitable training to fit them for successful teachers.

Fifty, who were former students at the Institute, have been teaching schools, within the last year, in six or seven of the Southern States, with a success equalling the whites, who taught schools of the same grade.

In these schools 2700 pupils, or more, including those at Maryville, have been taught within the past year, at an expense to Friends of less than fifty cents for each scholar, and as demands for Institute teachers are on the increase, we hope that Friends will not relax their efforts to meet it.

While the usual branches taught in schools, similar to that at Maryville, have been attended to, the moral and religious training of the pupils have not been overlooked.

There has been an unusual interest taken in the subject of religion by the pupils and others out of the school. A minister, among Friends belonging in that section, under a sense of religious duty, held a series of meetings among them, and a large number was convinced of the truth that they were sinners and stood in need of forgiveness; and they sought and obtained it through repentance and faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, and are now conscientiously endeavoring to live a life in keeping with what they understand to be the truth, and it makes it more easy to govern the school.

In view of the advantages offered by this school to elevate the colored people, we would recommend that the Committee be allowed to procure, by subscription, means, and use the same to fit up a building, now standing unoccupied upon the premises, so that it can be used to accommodate self boarders; this would make the school, it is believed by the Principal, much nearer self supporting,—a condition very desirable.

STATEMENT OF FINANCES.

Balance on hand last year from sale of property at	
Washington	\$737 42
Received from T. F. Buxton through the hand of J.	
Dickenson	96 96
Appropriated by this Yearly Meeting	800 00
	<hr/> \$1,634 38

EXPENDED.

Paid Wm. P. Hastings	\$1.300 00	
Paid for recording deed	2 50	
		<hr/> \$1,302 50
Balance now on hand		\$331 88

To continue the school the coming year, we would recommend that this Meeting, in addition to the above balance, appropriate one thousand dollars.

A Friend living in Maryville near the Institute, and engaged in a similar enterprise, writing to a member of this Committee last winter says: "I believe that your Normal Institute for Freedmen is as successful as any Institution that I know of, either white or colored. It is one of which New England Yearly Meeting may well be proud, and Professor Hastings is one of the most successful and practical teachers in the South, just the right man in the right place. The Institution has a considerably larger number of students this year than ever before."

Similar information has come to other members of your Committee. All of which we submit to this Meeting with W. P. Hastings' Report of the Institution, hoping that best wisdom may direct.

On behalf of the Committee,

B. F. KNOWLES.

PORTLAND, SIXTH MONTH 17TH, 1879.

TO THE FREEDMEN'S COMMITTEE OF NEW ENGLAND YEARLY MEETING:

Report of the Freedmen's Normal Institute, Maryville, Tennessee, from Eighth Month 21st, 1878, to Fifth Month 21st, 1879, including the school year.

Whole number of days taught,	188
Whole number enrolled,	229
Average number belonging,	122 $\frac{1}{2}$
Average number daily,	90
Per cent. of attendance, . . . . .	.73 $\frac{9}{20}$
Number of teachers in training class,	54
Number teaching in different states,	50
Greatest number taught at any one time by these teachers,	2500
Number of self-boarders in the building,	19
Number of regular boarders in the building,	11
Cost of board to each self-boarder, per week,	\$0.75
Cost of board and washing to regular boarders,	\$2.00
Whole number of self-boarders who either boarded themselves in the building or elsewhere,	53
Whole number regular boarders with the Principal and elsewhere, . .	36
Total number of boarders,	71
Whole number in the Primary Chart class,	20
Whole number Reading from books,	225

Whole number taught Spelling orally,	105
Whole number taught written Spelling,	210
Whole number taught Arithmetic, orally,	20
Whole number taught written Arithmetic,	202
Whole number taught mental Arithmetic,	202
Whole number taught English Grammar,	158
Whole number taught English Composition,	104
Whole number taught Geography,	69
Whole number taught United States History,	22
Whole number taught Geology of Tennessee,	20
Whole number taught Latin,	2
Whole number taught Physiology,	10
Whole number taught Natural Philosophy,	2
Whole number taught Algebra,	2
Whole number taught Book-keeping,	5
Whole number sent out to teach (from the first),	66
Whole number of colored people belonging to Maryville Monthly Meeting of Friends,	44

Sabbath School and Mid-week meetings have been continued through the year. It has pleased the Lord to manifest His love toward us in an unusual manner within the last three months. Jesse McPherson, a minister of Maryville Monthly Meeting, held a series of meetings among the colored people, in Third and Fourth Months, which resulted in a profession of salvation by seventy-five souls. More than two-thirds of these were students of our school.

Thirty-one colored persons made application for membership with us; whereupon Lost Creek Quarterly, by the application of Maryville Monthly Meeting, has directed that a Preparative be established among them. Their meetings for worship and discipline are to be held in the Institute Building. They express themselves much gratified with the liberty of serving the Lord directly under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, which privilege they regard as peculiar to the Society of Friends.

Feeling grateful to our Heavenly Father for the unprecedented prosperity of the school and the religious work connected therewith, during the past year, we submit this Report, with the prayer that He may still continue to prosper His work among this much-abused and needy people.

WM. P. HASTINGS, Principal.

This Report is highly gratifying and very encouraging to the Meeting. We conclude to continue the concern under the care of the same Committee, with the substitution of Moses Bailey in the place of Edward W. Howland, deceased.

The Committee are left at liberty and encouraged to solicit subscriptions and apply the same to fitting up the building proposed.

The subject of an appropriation is referred to the Committee on Finance.

FREEDMEN'S COMMITTEE.

Benjamin F. Knowles,	Gertrude W. Cartland,
Charles F. Coffin,	Ann Maria Coffin,
Moses Bailey,	Hannah J. Bailey.

Adjourned to meet in separate sessions at 4 o'clock this afternoon.

AFTERNOON—assembled pursuant to adjournment.

39. The Committee to promote Scriptural Instruction in Bible Schools, made the following Report, viz. :

REPORT OF BIBLE SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

TO THE YEARLY MEETING :

In presenting our Annual Report we gratefully acknowledge that the blessing of God has rested richly upon our labors during the past year.

Soon after our appointment, impressed with the importance of personal inspection of our schools, and association with our Bible School workers, Harriet N. Jones and Harriette D. Collins were appointed our agents to carry out this plan, who have endeavored faithfully to discharge their duty. They have visited pretty generally in all our Quarterly Meetings, have attended four Quarterly Meeting Conferences, appointed twelve special meetings in the interest of Bible Schools, held thirty Bible readings, and visited about the same number of schools. This service has been gratefully received, and visitors and visited have rejoiced together as we have drunk from the wells of Salvation, opened afresh to our hearts by the powerful touches of His love so beautifully unfolded to us on the sacred page. We note with especial gratitude God's hand in bringing from the bondage of sin into the glorious liberty of the sons of God some bright examples of His saving grace since our last report. These promise much usefulness in the church.

While our own children rightly claim the first place in our care, we recognize the great truth that the field is the world, and would encourage Mission Schools, and also a generous cordiality to any who may come under our instruction. In this way many who would otherwise remain ignorant may be reached and saved.

On comparison with our schools of last year, we believe that the march has gone steadily onward. More interest is manifested to-day than at any former period, in the study of the Bible; for which we thank our Heavenly Father. Still it is not a time for us to sit contentedly down in our comfortable homes as though nothing more were to be done. Some of our meetings have no organized Bible Schools reported in them. We have done what we could to arouse an interest in those places and encourage the sometimes discouraged ones to try to make our own schools

the centre of attraction to us. As our children are still brought in contact with temptation and will be through life, we have considered prayerfully what could be best done to promote their real welfare, and advise that a portion of time be devoted to careful Bible teaching, on the principles of total abstinence from all intoxicants, the use of tobacco and profanity. In some places our wishes have already been responded to, and quarterly temperance lessons have been given.

The triple pledge has been presented to the most of our schools with very good results. We recommend a similar plan of work in the future, and pray that more and more we may become acquainted with Christ, being living illustrations in word and deed of true Bible Christianity.

We would again remind our dear friends that promptness in sending returns would enable us to give you more accurate statistics than we are at present able to do. From all that we can obtain, we come to the conclusion that our average numbers have not diminished since last year, and the teaching is of a higher order, especially in this respect, that there has been more study and more memorizing the sacred Scriptures than before.

We find on examination of our returns that there are twenty-three conversions reported this year among our scholars.

There is not only joy in our hearts as we give you this intelligence but we believe there is joy in the presence of the Angels of God also.

The amount of money raised the past year, as reported, is one thousand three hundred and eighty-six dollars, most of this was from the school in New Bedford and expended in finishing a commodious and attractive school room. We have in our libraries eight thousand two hundred and five volumes. We would suggest that great care be taken in regard to the literature we place before our children. With greater avidity than the earth drinks in the rain, their placid minds imbibe the intellectual food that comes to them in their reading. In replenishing your libraries, we hope a shelf will be devoted to the best publications on Alcohol and its effects physically, socially, morally and religiously.

In conclusion, we would commend this all important subject of Bible study to the prayerful attention of every member of our Society, in the earnest inquiry—What can I do to promote the interest and welfare of the Bible Schools of New England Yearly Meeting of Friends?

From the appropriation made last year, there remains sixty-five dollars unexpended. We would propose that this sum remain in the hands of the Treasurer of the Yearly Meeting, to be drawn by a Committee that may be appointed, and that one hundred dollars more be appropriated by this Meeting to aid this Committee in the work assigned them.

MARY J. ROGERS, SECRETARY.

PORTLAND, SIXTH MONTH 16TH, 1879.

The Report is satisfactory to the Meeting, and we conclude to commit this deeply interesting and important subject to the Committee,

already under appointment, with the addition of Hannah T. Pratt and Sarah E. Buffinton, and they are encouraged very particularly to guard carefully the literature which may be added to our First-Day School Libraries.

COMMITTEE ON BIBLE SCHOOLS.

Charles Taber,	Mary J. Rogers,
Harriet N. Jones,	Hannah S. Wing,
Thomas B. Nichols,	S. Jane Cox,
George H. Farr,	Esther Osborne,
Henry Winslow,	Margaret B. Cates,
Elizabeth K. Taber,	Gulielma M. Purinton,
Elizabeth P. Nichols,	Mary G. Winslow,
Phebe N. Wadsworth,	Hannah T. Pratt,
Harriette D. Collins,	Sarah E. Buffinton.

40. The joint Committee, under appointment to disburse the income arising from the Mosher Fund, presented the following Report, viz. :

REPORT ON INCOME OF THE MOSHER FUND.

TO THE YEARLY MEETING :

The joint Committee appointed to disburse the income arising from the H. H. Mosher Fund, report that they have received from the Trustees of that Fund the income accruing from the same, amounting to \$500. The engagement made previous to our last report to appropriate a sum not exceeding \$200 for the use of the Mexican Mission, to enable them to print and circulate in the language of that country, books illustrative of our religious principles, has been fulfilled, for which the sum of \$181.33 was paid. In connection with the Trustees of Obadiah Brown's Benevolent Fund, the Committee has published an edition of the "Epistles of George Fox," by Samuel Tuke, of which work 588 copies have been taken by us. The books have been very lately received from the printers, and are only partially distributed. The Committee has also contracted for the printing in England of a small edition of the "Memorials of John Ford," and it is expected that the books will be ready for circulation within a few weeks. Some smaller books and a large number of Friends' tracts have also been distributed during the year.

The income from the Fund to this time will be fully absorbed when the present engagements of the Committee are fulfilled.

On behalf of the Committee,

HENRY T. WOOD,
REBECCA H. SMILEY.

The Report is satisfactory to the Meeting, and the same Committee is continued for service another year.

COMMITTEE ON THE INCOME OF THE MOSHER FUND.

Henry T. Wood,
Samuel R. Buffinton,
J. Ellwood Paige,

Rebecca H. Smiley,
Gertrude W. Cartland,
Harriet N. Jones.

41. Appended to the above Report is the statement of the Treasurer, as follows, viz.:

RECEIPTS.

1878.		
Sixth Month 16.	Balance from last account	\$370 73
1879.		
Sixth Month 1.	Income received from Trustees to date	500 00
	Received interest on deposits	8 23
		<u>\$878 96</u>

EXPENDITURES.

1879.		
	Amount paid in aid of the Mexican Mission, for printing, etc.	\$181 33
	Amount paid for printing an edition of Epistles of George Fox—588 copies .	313 30
	Paid for Friends' Tracts and for small Books	38 48
	Paid freight of books and expenses incurred in forwarding packages, etc.	15 54
Sixth Month 17.	Balance in Treasury	330 31
		<u>\$878 96</u>

SAMUEL R. BUFFINTON, TREASURER.

PORTLAND, SIXTH MONTH 17TH, 1879.

42. The Trustees of the Mosher Fund have presented the following account of the present investment and condition of the Fund, viz.:

REPORT OF TRUSTEES OF MOSHER FUND.

The income of the Mosher Fund for the past year has been:

From City of Boston registered bond,	\$500 00
From deposits in New Bedford Institution for Savings, .	22 11
	<u>\$522 11</u>

The expenditures for the same time have been:

Payments to the Mosher Book Publishing Committee, . .	500 00
Leaving balance of income in the hands of the Trustees, .	<u>\$22 11</u>

The investment of the Fund remains the same as last year, viz.:

Registered bond of the City of Boston,	\$10,000 00
Deposits in the New Bedford Institution for Savings, . .	437 00
Total investment,	<u>\$10,437 00</u>

The printed Minutes of 1877 made an error by making the deposit in the New Bedford Institution for Savings read \$537.00 instead of \$437.00 as it should have been.

It is proposed that the Yearly Meeting direct the Trustees of the Mosher Fund to add yearly, one-fifth part of the income thereof to the principal, until the amount so added, shall equal the amount paid in premium for the ten thousand dollar City of Boston 5 per cent. bond, so that the original principal may be made and kept intact.

For the Trustees.

CHARLES F. COFFIN.

PORTLAND, SIXTH MONTH 17TH, 1879.

The recommendation of the Trustees, that "One fifth part of the income thereof be added to the principal until the amount, so added, shall equal the amount paid in premium for the ten thousand dollar City of Boston 5 per cent. bond" is fully approved by the Meeting, and the Trustees are hereby directed to carry the same into effect.

43. The Committee, appointed at a previous session in reference to the request of Falmouth Quarterly Meeting, referred to this Meeting from the Representative Meeting, report as follows, viz. :

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON QUESTION OF APPEAL.

TO THE YEARLY MEETING:

The Committee to whom was referred the question propounded by Falmouth Quarterly Meeting, have consulted together upon the subject, and are united in reporting that, according to their judgment, a minister has a right of appeal in the case referred to.

On behalf of the Committee.

JOSIAH HOLMES, JR.,
RACHEL S. HOWLAND.

PORTLAND, SIXTH MONTH 17TH, 1879.

The Report is satisfactory to the Meeting and is adopted. The Clerk is directed to inform Falmouth Quarterly Meeting of our conclusion in the case.

44. The subject referred to this Meeting by the Representative Meeting respecting the condition of the few members of our society, residing in the British Provinces, was brought before us, and the Meeting was united in the appointment of a Committee to unite with Friends of China Monthly Meeting of which they are members, in extending to them such care and counsel as may be needed, and report to this meeting next year. The subject of appropriating one hundred

red dollars, from our Treasury, for the use of the Committee, is referred to the Committee on Finance. The following named Friends are appointed to that service :

COMMITTEE ON FRIENDS IN THE BRITISH PROVINCES.

Josiah Holmes, Jr.,	Sarah A. Holmes,
Benjamin F. Knowles,	Sarah M. Richardson,
George Richardson,	Rebecca H. Smiley,
Eli Jones,	Rachel S. Howland.

45. Epistles to the Yearly Meetings of Baltimore and Ohio were read and approved.

46. The Representatives propose the following named Friends to constitute a Representative Meeting, the ensuing year, viz. :

MEMBERS OF THE REPRESENTATIVE MEETING.

Stephen Chace,	Elmira B. Buffum,
Samuel R. Buffinton,	Reuben T. Jones,
Ellen K. Buffum,	Moses Bailey,
Anna T. Dennis,	Phebe P. Jones,
Joseph Cartland,	Hannah J. Bailey,
Owen Dame,	William O. Newhall,
Gertrude W. Cartland,	Henry T. Wood,
Mary Alice Brown,	George Douglas,
George Howland, Jr.,	Elizabeth A. Douglas,
Josiah Holmes, Jr.,	Charles F. Coffin,
Susan T. Thompson	William C. Taber
Anna G. Wood.	Lemuel Jones,
Anna F. Hall,	Sarah F. Tobey,
Augustus F. Cox,	Rachel S. Howland,
John J. Frye,	Augustine Jones,
S. Jane Cox,	Rebecca C. Grinnell,
Richard Battey,	Thomas Harkness,
James G. Arnold,	Lydia Haight,
Ann B. Earle,	Rachel B. Nichols,
Abby S. Battey,	John F. Tucker,
Eli Jones,	Alfred H. Jones,
Thomas B. Nichols,	David K. Akin,
Hannah T. Jenkins,	J. William Jacob,
S. Narcissa Jacob,	Allen Jay,
Samuel Buffum,	Stephen Jones,
Jacob K. Purinton,	Elizabeth Ann Slade,
Anna M. Hussey.	Abigail M. Hanson.

This proposition is approved by the Meeting, and the Friends named are accordingly appointed to that service.

Adjourned to 3 o'clock to-morrow afternoon.

FIFTH-DAY AFTERNOON THE 19TH.

The Meeting assembled according to adjournment.

Representatives present except 17.

47. The Committee appointed to nominate a Committee on Foreign Mission Work, propose as follows, viz :

TO THE YEARLY MEETING :

The Committee appointed to nominate a Committee on Foreign Missions would propose the following, viz. :

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Eli Jones,
Rebecca H. Smiley,
Abby S. Battey,
William Thompson,
Susan T. Thompson,
Harriet N. Jones,
George Howland, Jr.,
Sylvia G. Howland,
Albert C. Buffum,
Henry T. Wood,
Anna G. Wood,
Obadiah Chace,
Benjamin F. Knowles,
Sarah F. Tobey,
Augustus F. Cox,

Eliza P. Varney,
Ann Maria Coffin,
Harriette D. Collins,
J. Warren Starkey,
Mary W. Jones,
Celinda Metcalf,
William H Beale,
Abby M. Harris,
Timothy B. Hussey,
Elizabeth K. Hoxie,
Eli Jepson,
Charles M. Jones,
Elizabeth H. Newhall,
Moses Sawyer,
Hannah B. Sawyer.

Anna H. Sutton.

On behalf of the Committee,

ALBERT K. SMILEY.

PORTLAND, ME., SIXTH MONTH 18TH, 1879.

The report is accepted, and the Friends proposed are appointed to that service.

48. The Committee appointed to nominate a Committee on General Meetings and other Gospel service, propose as follows, viz. :

The following named Friends are nominated as a Committee on General Meetings and other Gospel Service, viz. :

COMMITTEE ON GENERAL MEETINGS, ETC.

Eli Jones,	James Cartland,
Rebecca H. Smiley,	Hannah J. Bailey,
Sarah W. Goddard,	Charles B. Cates,
Allen Jay,	William P. Macomber,
J. William Jacob,	William O. Newhall,
Harriette D. Collins,	Mary G. Jones,
I. Warren Hawkes,	Charles M. Jones,
Charles H. Jones,	Hannah S. Wing,
Susan T. Thompson,	Levi Franklin Jones,
William Thompson,	S. Narcissa Jacob,
Harriet N. Jones,	Henry T. Wood,
Anna G. Wood.	

The Report is satisfactory and the Friends named are approved by the Meeting and they are appointed to the service the year ensuing.

49. The Committee appointed to examine and settle the Treasurer's accounts etc., report, viz.

REPORT OF AUDITING COMMITTEE.

TO THE YEARLY MEETING:

The Committee to audit and settle the Treasurer's accounts, etc., have attended to their appointment, and report as follows, viz.:

TREASURER'S GENERAL ACCOUNT.

RECEIPTS.

Balance on hand last year	\$1,911 47
Received from Freedmen's Committee balance of proceeds of Washington property	181 88
From the several Quarterly Meetings	5,000 00
“ “ sale of Books of Discipline	16 50
Allowance on Charles Taber's bill	10 56
Eagle Bank, Providence, dividends	90 00
	————— \$7,210 41

PAYMENTS.

Geo. Bowen, Y. M. expenses at Newport	\$414 59
Committee on Bible Schools	115 00
“ “ Foreign Missions	800 00
“ “ Western Indians	689 75
“ “ North Carolina Mission	600 00
“ “ Temperance	115 44
“ “ Freedmen	650 00
<i>Amount carried forward</i>	<i>\$3,384 78</i>

<i>Amount brought forward</i>	\$3,384 78	
Paid Associated Ex. Indian Committee	510 00	
“ Printing	767 00	
“ Recording, etc.	82 72	
“ Interest	40 00	
“ Insurance	30 00	
Balance now in Treasurer's hands	2,395 91	
	<hr/>	\$7,210 41

TREASURER'S ACCOUNT WITH BOSTON MEETING-HOUSE FUND.

Received for Coupons, City of Providence Bonds	\$450 00
Paid for Rent of Wesleyan Hall, Boston	350 00
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Balance now on hand	\$100 00

The expenditures are properly vouched for.

We propose that the sum of four thousand dollars be raised for the use of the Meeting the ensuing year; that George Howland, Jr., be appointed Treasurer of the Yearly Meeting; and Thomas Harkness, Treasurer of the Boarding School Fund.

We also recommend that the Yearly Meeting direct the Representative Meeting to cause an annual examination to be made of all funds held in trust by the Yearly Meeting, including the Boarding School Funds.

For the Committee,

OWEN DAME.

PORTLAND, SIXTH MONTH 18TH, 1879.

The Report is accepted by the Meeting, and we conclude to raise the sum of four thousand dollars for the use of the Meeting the ensuing year, and George Howland, Jr., is appointed Treasurer; and Thomas Harkness is appointed Treasurer of the Boarding School Fund. Our several Quarterly Meetings are directed to pay to our Treasurer their respective proportions of the sum proposed. We approve of the recommendation of the Committee that the Representative Meeting annually examine the Funds referred to in this Report.

50. The Committee on Finance report as follows, viz. :

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

TO THE YEARLY MEETING :

The Committee on Finance having given careful attention to the several matters submitted to them, now report, viz :

We recommend the appropriation of the following sums by the Yearly Meeting for the purposes named:

Associated Executive Indian Committee,	\$340 00
Bible Schools,	100 00
Foreign Missions,	750 00
Freedmen,	1,150 00
North Carolina Mission,	400 00
Temperance,	150 00
Committee to Visit Friends in the British Provinces, .	100 00
	<hr/> \$2,990 00

We are not prepared at this time to recommend an appropriation, as asked for by the Committee on Education.

For the Committee,

OWEN DAME.

PORTLAND, SIXTH MONTH 19TH, 1879.

The Report is accepted and adopted, and the several Committees, for whom the above appropriations are made, are at liberty to call upon the Treasurer of this Meeting, for such sums as they may need in the prosecution of their various concerns, not exceeding the amount appropriated to each.

51. The Committee on the subject of Peace, have presented their Annual Report, viz.:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON PEACE.

TO THE YEARLY MEETING:

We, your Committee on the subject of Peace, have not been unmindful of the matter entrusted to us; and though there has not been as much accomplished as we could wish in the way of holding meetings, there has been a pretty large amount of peace matter, as we trust, judiciously distributed, not only to our own members and others, including many ministers of other denominations, but also to some extent in other lands. Five thousand copies of an appeal to our fellow Christians, on war, issued by London Yearly Meeting, in 1878, and republished by direction of the Representative Meeting for New England, has been the principal matter distributed by us.

Two meetings only have been held by your Committee, way not opening for more.

We cordially recommend a continuation of this important Christian work, and may it be the fervent prayer of every member of our beloved Society that the time may hasten when nation shall not lift up sword

against nation, neither learn war any more,—when the kingdoms of this world shall become the kingdom of our Lord and his Christ.

On behalf of the Committee.

GEORGE RICHARDSON,
R. S. HOWLAND.

PORTLAND, ME., SIXTH MONTH 19TH, 1879.

The Report is satisfactory and accepted by the Meeting. The Committee, now under appointment, with the substitution of George Hussey Gifford in the place of Nathaniel Gifford, deceased, is continued on this very important concern of the Yearly Meeting, and we desire their encouragement.

COMMITTEE ON PEACE.

Eli Jones,
Timothy B. Hussey,
Charles C. Varney,
Samuel R. Buffinton,
George Richardson,
Henry T. Wood,
J. William Jacob,

Susan T. Thompson,
Gertrude W. Cartland,
S. Narcissa Jacob,
Rachel S. Howland,
Abby S. Battey,
Joseph H. Atwater,
George Hussey Gifford.

52. Epistles to the Yearly Meetings of London, Ireland, New York, North Carolina, Indiana, Western, Iowa, Canada, and Kansas have been read and approved, and the Clerk is directed to sign them on behalf of this Meeting, and cause them to be countersigned by one of our correspondents, and forwarded to those Meetings, respectively.

53. The following, returning Minute on behalf of our friend, Stanley Pumphrey, has been read and approved, and the Clerk is directed to sign it on behalf of this Meeting, viz. :

TO THE MONTHLY MEETING OF WORCESTERSHIRE AND SHROPSHIRE;
WESTERN QUARTERLY MEETING, AND THE YEARLY MEETING OF
MINISTERS AND ELDERS IN LONDON:

Dear Friends:—Our beloved friend Stanley Pumphrey, who very acceptably attended this Yearly Meeting, in 1876, is again present at this time. His ministry in the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ in this Meeting, and within our borders, has been sound and edifying, to the comfort and instruction of the church, while his circumspect walk and humility have been truly exemplary.

Signed by direction and on behalf of the Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England, held at Portland, Maine, in Sixth Month, 1879.

54. The Committee appointed last year to cause an edition of 500 copies of the Discipline to be printed, etc., report the service performed, and the books are now in the hands of the Treasurer of this Meeting, and he is directed to furnish each one of our Meetings for Discipline with a copy (both men's and women's Meetings); the balance to remain in his possession and to be for sale by him at 50 cents per copy.

55. The following returning Minute on behalf of our friend David Johnston, has been read and approved, and similar ones for our friends William P. Angell, Thomas and Mary S. Kimber, William A. Symmes, William P. Hastings, Rufus P. King, Daniel Haviland and Joseph Stanley, viz: Our beloved friend, David Johnston, attended this Meeting. His company and religious services have been acceptable to us.

56. The following returning Minute on behalf of our friend Elihu Cobbs, companion to Daniel Haviland, has been read and approved, viz.: Our beloved friend Elihu Cobbs acceptably attended this Meeting.

57. An Epistle to Friends in Brumana, Mount Lebanon, prepared by our Women Friends, has been read and approved.

58. The Committee now under appointment, is directed to make all the necessary arrangements for holding religious meetings during the sessions of our next Yearly Meeting, as way may open; also, to propose times and places for the various Committees to meet, who now are or may then be under appointment, viz:

COMMITTEE OF ARRANGEMENTS:

Eli Jones,
Samuel R. Buffinton,
Henry T. Wood,

Augustus F. Cox,
Jacob K. Purinton,
George Douglas.

59. Returning Minutes on behalf of our friends Helen Balkwill, Sarah G. Pumphrey, Ruth S. Murray, Deborah C. Thomas and Lydia Stanley, prepared by the Women's Yearly Meeting, have been read and approved by this Meeting, and the Clerk is directed to sign them on our behalf.

60. This and the Women's Yearly Meeting conclude to have the Minutes of both Meetings printed; and the Clerks are directed to cause an edition of two thousand copies to be printed and sent down to our Quarterly Meetings, in their usual proportions, and Owen Dame is appointed to advise with them in the accomplishment of the work.

61. The various important and deeply interesting concerns which have claimed the attention of this Meeting having been satisfactorily disposed of, in much love and brotherly' condescension, we now conclude, proposing to meet again at Newport, R. I., in Sixth Month next year, if the Lord permit. As we were informed at the commencement of this Yearly Meeting, that so many aged and valiant soldiers of the cross had been removed by death during the past year, the fervent desire for those of us who are permitted to remain still a little longer, was expressed and heartily responded to, that we may be so watchful, that our work may be done and well done, that when a similar report may be made respecting us, that the savor of our lives may be as fragrant as theirs.

Signed on behalf of the Meeting,

WILLIAM O. NEWHALL, *Clerk.*

NOTE —The Correspondents of New England Yearly Meeting, are:

GEORGE HOWLAND, JR., New Bedford, Mass.

JOSEPH CARTLAND, Newburyport, Mass.

MOSES BAILEY, Winthrop, Maine.

MINUTES

OF THE

NEW ENGLAND YEARLY MEETING

OF

WOMEN FRIENDS.

1879.

MINUTES.

At the Yearly Meeting of Women Friends for New England, held at Portland, Maine, commencing on Seventh-day the 14th of Sixth Month, 1879.

Our dear friend, Gertrude W. Cartland, who, for several years, has served this Meeting as clerk, faithfully and efficiently, is prevented by illness from attending this Yearly Meeting. The assistant clerk, Mary Alice Brown, is also absent.

Our friend, Rachel S. Howland, proposed that Anna G. Wood should serve the Meeting as clerk for the present session, which nomination was approved and she was appointed accordingly. Margaret B. Cates has been appointed assistant clerk for the same time.

By Reports received from our Quarterly Meetings, it appears that the following named Friends have been appointed Representatives to this Meeting, viz.: From

RHODE ISLAND. — Huldah M. Beede, Sarah F. Tobey, Anna T. Dennis, Lydia Sisson, Elizabeth H. Potter, Finesse G. M. Macomber, Cynthia Bowen, Gulielma Freeborn, Dorcas Robinson, Rebecca Anthony, Mary Alice Gifford, Cynthia J. Earle, Susan Mott, Esther Chace, Electa Jane Collins and Harriet A. Chace.

SALEM. — Abigail M. Hanson, Abby W. Pratt, Julia A. Boyce, Mary J. Paige, Elizabeth H. Newhall, Ann Maria Coffin, Elizabeth K. Hoxie, Mary Jane Buxton, Cynthia W. Huntington, Hannah B. Sawyer, Phebe H. Buxton, Anna M. Gove, Amanda M. Brown, Mary J. Rogers and Lydia C. Neal.

SANDWICH. — Sarah A. Holmes, Anna G. Wood, Charity G. Chace, Rachel S. Howland, Rebecca C. Grinnell, Sarah B. Slade, Susan T. Thompson, Sarah G. Bartlett, Phebe R. Gifford, Mary D. Taber, Angeline S. Gidley, Sylvia G. Howland, Hannah S. Wing and Elizabeth A. Slade.

FALMOUTH. — Maria B. Jones, Abby J. Cook, Mary C. Hawkes,

Lucy A. Snow, Jane T. Varney, Myra E. Frye, Esther Nichols, S. Jane Cox, Sarah R. Robinson, Elmira S. Hanson, Elizabeth A. Douglas, Lydia A. Cartland and Emily A. H. Cook.

SMITHFIELD. — Lydia Haight, Abby S. Battey, Ann K. Colton, Maria Aldrich, Melissa A. Clark, Mary A. Gove, Adeline L. Farnum and Sarah J. Wheeler.

VASSALBORO. — Rachel B. Nichols, Sarah E. Varney, Mary A. Estes, Mary T. Gould, Margaret B. Cates, Elizabeth S. Frye, Maria S. Nichols, Hannah B. Robinson, Mary R. Jones, Jane A. Varney and Mary E. Philbrook.

DOVER. — Anna M. Hussey, Maria Purinton, Hannah T. Pratt, Eliza P. Varney, Ellen F. Jenkins, Lydia E. Jenkins, Lydia E. Sawyer, Lydia M. Tuttle, Hannah R. Gornall and Hannah W. Meader.

FAIRFIELD. — Phebe P. Jones, Sarah M. Richardson, Hannah J. Bailey, Lavinia M. Briggs, Cynthia H. Farr, Mary G. Winslow and Sylvia A. Farr.

Whose names being called all are present except 14, for the absence of four of whom sufficient reasons have been assigned.

The Reports from the several Quarterly Meetings present the following statistics with reference to Ministers and Elders, and of other appointments during the year. (See p. 5.)

We have, at this time, the acceptable company of our beloved friend, Helen Balkwill, a minister from England, who has presented a certificate of unity from the Monthly Meeting of the West Division of Devonshire, indorsed by the Quarterly Meeting of Devon and Cornwall. Also, a Minute from the Yearly Meeting of Ministers and Elders held in London in Fifth Month, 1877.

Our beloved friend, Stanley Pumphrey from England, whose certificates were read in this Meeting, and duly accredited on our records in 1876, is again acceptably in attendance.

We have also the acceptable company of our friend Sarah G. Pumphrey, companion to her husband, Stanley Pumphrey, a member of Bury Monthly Meeting, England, and also a member of the Meeting of Ministry and Oversight, who presented satisfactory credentials of unity and concurrence with her religious engagements in this country.

Our beloved friends, Ruth S. Murray, Thomas Kimber, and his wife, Mary S. Kimber, (the latter an elder,) David Johnston and

William P. Angell, from New York Yearly Meeting, Deborah C. Thomas, from Baltimore Yearly Meeting, William A. Symmes and William P. Hastings from North Carolina Yearly Meeting, Joseph Stanley and Daniel Haviland from Ohio Yearly Meeting, are acceptably in attendance, and have presented satisfactory certificates from their respective Meetings.

We have also the acceptable company of our beloved friend Elihu Cobbs, companion to our friend Daniel Haviland, and Lydia Stanley companion to her husband Joseph Stanley, who have produced satisfactory certificates.

Epistles have been received from our sisters of the Yearly Meetings with which we correspond, viz.: London, Ireland, New York, Baltimore, North Carolina, Ohio, Indiana, Western, Iowa, Canada and Kansas, which have been read with satisfaction and comfort, and we appoint the following named Friends to prepare essays of replies as way may open for it, and their hearts feel drawn in the love of Christ, and present them to a future sitting of this Meeting.

COMMITTEE ON CORRESPONDENCE.

Ellen K. Buffum.
 Rachel S. Howland,
 Angeline S. Gidley,
 Rebecca C. Grinnell,
 Harriette D. Collins,
 Sarah E. Varney,
 Harriet N. Jones,
 Mary A. Gove,
 Hannah S. Wing,
 Rebecca Anthony,
 Hannah J. Bailey,
 Mary J. Rogers,
 Sarah A. Holmes,
 Ruth S. Wood,
 Anna T. Dennis,
 Elizabeth C. Wing,

Susan Ann Gifford,
 Adeline Farnum,
 Huldah M. Beede.
 Melissa A. Clark,
 Mary J. Paige,
 Mary W. Jones,
 Deborah W. Crosman,
 Peace Jones,
 Elizabeth H. Potter,
 Sylvia G. Howland,
 Hannah B. Sawyer,
 Abigail M. Hanson,
 Ann Maria Coffin,
 Gulielma Freeborn,
 Lydia E. Sawyer,
 Abby Harris.

The Representatives are requested to meet at the rise of this session to consider of and propose to our next meeting, the names of Friends to serve the Meeting as Clerk and Assistant Clerk.

At this, our first session of the Yearly Meeting, we would thankfully acknowledge the care and protection of our loving Lord, who has kept us during the past year, and brought so many of us again together to

transact the affairs of the church, and we are engaged to offer the sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to His holy name.

Adjourned to 4 o'clock this afternoon.

AFTERNOON. Met according to adjournment.

Huldah M. Beede, on behalf of the Representatives, informed that they were united in proposing the appointment of Anna G. Wood for Clerk, and Margaret B. Cates for Assistant Clerk, which nominations being approved by the Meeting, they are appointed to those services for the ensuing year.

We appoint Hannah S. Wing, Anna T. Denuis, Elizabeth C. Wing, Ann Maria Coffin and Huldah Buffam to prepare a summary from the Answers to the Queries, to present at a future session.

A Table of the Statistics of the Yearly Meeting has been read. (See p. 12.)

We unite with the Men's Meeting in the appointment of George Howland, Jr., as a member of the Standing Committee on Finance, in place of Edward W. Howland, deceased.

The Report of the Boarding School Committee has been read and accepted, and we unite with Men Friends in appointing a committee, of two from each Quarterly Meeting, to propose to a future sitting the names of Friends to constitute a committee to take charge of the School the ensuing year. The Committee is as follows :

Esther Chace,	Lydia Haight,
Anna T. Dennis,	Adeline Farnum,
Ann Maria Coffin,	Mary C. Jones,
Elizabeth H. Newhall,	Lucy G. Whitehouse,
Charity G. Chace,	Anna M. Hussey,
Ruth S. Wood,	Gulielma Purinton,
Mary C. Hawkes,	Phebe P. Jones,
Abby J. Cook,	Lavinia M. Briggs.

Adjourned to Second-day morning next, at 10 o'clock.

SECOND-DAY MORNING, the 16th. Met pursuant to adjournment.

The Meeting now entered upon the consideration of the State of Society, as presented by the Answers to the Queries from our several Quarterly Meetings, and having proceeding therein to the Fifth, inclusive, adjourned to 4 o'clock this afternoon.

AFTERNOON. Met according to adjournment.

The reading of the remaining Queries and Answers has been completed.

This inquiry elicited much counsel and encouragement from the messengers of the Lord now with us. We were exhorted to prize the blessed privilege of gathering together to worship our Heavenly Father. He wisely ordained one day of rest in the seven, that there might be a break in our busy lives, and those who come into His presence with prayerful hearts will receive a blessing, for He has said "Where two or three are gathered together in my name there am I in the midst of them."

Various testimonies were borne to the value of our mid-week Meetings. Harrassed and perplexed, as we often are, by worldly cares, we need their influence to lift our hearts, and keep us from being dragged down to earth. As we strive, when thus assembled, to leave these cumbering cares behind us, a glimpse of the King in his beauty is often spread before us, visions of the land that is very far off, and his promise is fulfilled "I will be to them as a little sanctuary."

Various hinderances may lie in the way to prevent our attendance of these Meetings, but that which costs nothing is often worth nothing, and if we desire, above all things, to meet with our Saviour, and hold sweet communion with Him, some means will generally be provided. We cannot afford to lose these brooks by the way. A devoted minister of our Society once said "If I were asked where I had spent the best years of my life, I should say at our mid-week Meetings."

Parents were encouraged to take their children with them, thus cultivating the habit of attending these Meetings early in life. And pains should also be taken to teach them the object of coming. Children are quick of understanding, and very simply embrace the truth of a loving Saviour's presence with those who seek Him. Encourage them, dear sisters, to lift their hearts in prayer to Him for His blessing upon them.

But while we were thus earnestly exhorted not to forsake the assembling of ourselves together, much sympathy was expressed for some whose time was not their own, and who could not leave their avocations in the middle of the week. These may still be about their Master's business, and, as they keep close to Jesus, will find His presence with them in all the duties of life.

The new commandment of our blessed Lord was brought to our notice, with the measure of the love He required of us "As I have loved you, that ye also love one another." With this love in our hearts, the unity in which we dwell will not be in outward appearance

only, but as members one of another, we shall "bear one another's burdens and so fulfil the law of Christ."

Filled with the meekness and gentleness of Christ, no derogatory or unkind words will proceed from our mouths, but, thinking no evil, each will esteem others better than herself, and there will be no room for detraction. And while taking heed to our ways that we sin not with our tongue, the exhortation was also given "Take heed how ye hear." If there is no one to listen to insinuations of evil against others, there will soon be no one to speak, and, as dear sisters, helpers one of another, loving the same Lord, we shall be enabled, as co-workers with Him, to bring glory to His name. It is the enemy who sows the evil seeds of envy and jealousy of another's service or character, and as he is listened to, hurt will assuredly come to our souls. The unkind words we write, as well as the words we speak, have a lasting effect and will one day rise up in judgment against us. May we watch and pray that God will take away all suspicion from our hearts, remembering the injunction, "Be kind one to another, tender hearted, forgiving one another, even as God, for Christ's sake, hath forgiven you." Parents were earnestly reminded of the evil which may arise from conversing about the failings of others before their children, or of giving utterance to any disparaging remark about the ministers of the Gospel. Like the little foxes which spoil the tender vines, these allusions may stifle the impressions which the ministry may have awakened, or hinder the reception of the message sent by the Lord. Teach your children, by example and precept, to look upon the best side of Christians, and gathering together around the family altar, ask the Lord to keep both parents and children, from evil thoughts and words. The important trust committed to mothers in the care of little ones was feelingly alluded to. The power of the godly life of a Christian mother is a great and unanswerable argument against infidelity. Mothers were exhorted to be diligent in studying the Scriptures, endeavoring to mould their lives in obedience to them, teaching their truths to their children, and praying with and for them that they may become the lambs of the Saviour's fold; to be very watchful also of the dealings of the Lord's spirit with these little ones, that so, by a timely word, they may help them to give their hearts to Jesus, and rejoice in His free salvation. The value of the Holy Scriptures cannot be told, and in this day when there is so much endeavor to throw off restraint, it behooves us, as a society, to maintain our testimony to them, as the outward test by which doctrines are to be proved.

Earnest desires were expressed that we may not only faithfully maintain our testimony to our Saviour's command, "Freely ye have received, freely give," but be careful, also, that in our meetings a free gospel ministry may be maintained. As we gather in the fear of the Lord may each one be ready lovingly to perform whatever service He may require, that so nothing may hinder His Holy Spirit from having free course among us, that His name may be glorified.

Whether ye eat or drink, do all to the glory of God, is the injunction to Christians. May we remember our responsibility and accountability, and touch not, taste not, handle not any spirituous liquors. We should be of clean hands in this respect, for the human race is sad enough, tried and tempted enough, without it, and we ought to let our light so shine that others may know that we are on the side of temperance. Thus, and thus only, can we pray in faith that the children of our people may be kept from the power of the tempter. And let us remember that by catering to our appetites even by the use of wine in cooking, we may put a stumbling block in the way of others. There are many sad cases of life-long intemperance produced by this indulgence in childhood.

A loving care over the poor among us was enjoined, such care as will lead to the assistance of those who are longing to help themselves. He, who for our sakes became poor, leaves a legacy of love for those to whom He gives the good things of earth, that they should remember the destitute, and He gives them this assurance, "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto the least of these, my brethren, ye have done it unto me."

The following is a summary of the Answers received.

ANSWER 1. All our meetings for religious worship have been regularly held, with the exception of one Monthly Meeting, and a few small meetings, and duly attended by most of our members on First days. But there is an apparent want of concern with some in the attendance of Meetings for discipline, and those held in the middle of the week. The hour is nearly observed. Mostly clear of unbecoming behavior.

ANS. 2. Love and unity are maintained with little exception, and we trust detraction is guarded against by most Friends. When differences occur endeavors are used to end them.

ANS. 3. We believe most Friends are careful to maintain a religious life and conversation, and those who have children or others under their care, do generally endeavor by example and precept, to train them up in accordance with our Christian profession. Yet we think more earnest care in these respects is desirable.

ANS. 4. We believe Friends frequently read the Holy Scriptures, individually as well as collectively, in their families, encouraging their children and others in the daily practice of this religious duty. We think our testimony to a free Gospel ministry is maintained with little exception.

ANS. 5. So far as we know Friends abstain from the use of intoxicating liquors as a beverage. Amusements and diversions inconsistent with a Christian character, are mostly avoided and we believe a good degree of moderation in all things is generally maintained.

ANS. 6. The circumstances of the poor have been inspected and their necessities relieved. Endeavors have been used to obtain suitable employment for such. We believe their children have the benefit of education.

ANS. 7. Careful in the several parts of this Query.

ANS. 8. We trust Friends are generally careful to inspect their affairs and settle their accounts, punctual to their promises, just in the payment of their debts, and careful to live within the bounds of their circumstances.

ANS. 9. Mostly clear as to records. Some removals without certificates.

ANS. 10. Friends have endeavored to administer the discipline as queried, but not without some delay, and to place judgment when necessary, according to discipline.

A summary of the answers to the Queries of the Meeting of Ministers and Elders has been read. (See p. 15.)

A Minute of the Yearly Meetings' Committee of Dublin Yearly Meeting, held Fifth Month, 1879, requesting that the signature of our correspondent may be attached to our Epistles, has been received and read. (See p. 16.)

The Minutes of the Representative Meeting have been read and approved.

A certificate of New Garden Monthly Meeting, North Carolina, indorsed by New Garden Quarterly Meeting, on behalf of our beloved friend, Rufus P. King, who is now in attendance, has been read and is cordially united with.

We appoint our friends Rachel S. Howland, Anna T. Dennis, Huldah M. Beede, Hannah J. Bailey and Hannah G. Sawyer to unite with a Committee from the Men's Meeting, to take into consideration a question upon the subject of discipline, referred to the Representative Meeting, by Falmouth Quarterly Meeting.

Adjourned to meet in joint session to morrow at 10 o'clock.

THIRD-DAY MORNING, SIXTH MONTH, 17TH. Assembled in joint session at 10 o'clock.

The following proposition from Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting is received, with which this Meeting unites. (See p. 17.)

The Committee on the subject of Temperance have presented their Report, which has been read, and is interesting and satisfactory to the Meeting. The appropriation asked for by the Committee is referred to the Committee on Finance. (See p. 18.)

Allen Jay, James P. Boyce, Edward S. Hacker, Susan A. Gifford, James B. Congdon and Harriette D. Collins are appointed to propose to a future sitting the names of suitable Friends to constitute a Committee, to which this important subject may be submitted for the ensuing year.

The joint Committee on Foreign Missions presented their Report (see p. 20) which was read, and the interesting and valuable information which it contains was supplemented by members of the committee. It is cause of much satisfaction to the Meeting that so much has been accomplished in this field of labor during the past year. We are comforted with the conviction that the work has also been made a blessing to this Yearly Meeting. We desire to encourage those who may be intrusted with this concern for the coming year. And believing that usefulness would result from the appointment of a new Committee, our Friends,

Albert K. Smiley,
George Howland, Jr.,
Charles F. Coffin,
Harriet N. Jones,
Ann Maria Coffin,
Allen Jay,

Timothy B. Hussey,
Eli Jones,
Moses Bailey,
Obadiah Chace,
Henry T. Wood, and
Sylvia G. Howland,

are requested to propose to a future session the names of Friends to constitute a Committee to whom this concern may be confided the ensuing year.

The appropriation asked for in the Report is referred to the Finance Committee for consideration

THIRD-DAY AFTERNOON.

Met again in joint session by adjournment.

A proposition was introduced by our friend, Stanley Pumphrey, from England, for the formation of an American Board of Friends' Home and Foreign Missions, composed of representatives appointed by each of the American Yearly Meetings. This received the favorable consideration of the Meeting, and it was concluded to refer the

subject to a joint Committee, who were requested to give to the proposition a fuller consideration, to confer with Friends of other Yearly Meetings thereupon, as way may open, and present to our next Yearly Meeting their judgment in the case For Committee see p. 23.

The Committee on Education have presented their Report. (See p. 23.)

This Report is interesting and satisfactory to the Meeting, and this important concern is confided to the same Committee for the ensuing year. The request for an appropriation is referred to the Committee on Finance. For names of Committee see p. 24.

The joint Committee on the concern of this Meeting for the improvement of the Indians located west of the Mississippi, report as follows, viz.: (See p. 24.) This Report is very interesting, and we deeply sympathize with the committee in the arduous labors which have been before them, and although not as much has been accomplished as we had hoped, we rejoice in what has been done. Several dear friends who have visited the Agencies, have greatly encouraged us by the accounts they have given of the religious awakening, and the progress of the Indians in civilization, which they witnessed there. We conclude to continue the concern under the care of the same Committee, with the exception of our late friend, Edward W. Howland, and the Committee is encouraged to attend more especially to the religious interest of this neglected race. The proposition for an appropriation is referred to the Committee on Finance.

The Committee appointed last year upon Mission Work in North Carolina and other States in the South, made the following Report viz.: (See p. 28.) This Report is very satisfactory to the Meeting, and we are greatly encouraged by the success of their work in this extensive field of labor, which is so white unto the harvest. The Meeting concludes to continue the concern under the care of the same Committee, and the subject of an appropriation is referred to the Committee on Finance. For names of Committee see p. 31.

The Friends appointed to nominate a Committee to have the charge of the Boarding School at Providence have presented the names of the following Friends, which being accepted by the Meeting, they are appointed to that service for the ensuing year. (See p. 31.)

The Committee appointed to propose the names of Friends to constitute a Committee on Temperance, have presented the following, which are satisfactory to this Meeting, and they are accordingly appointed. (See p. 32.)

Adjourned to meet in joint session to-morrow at 10 o'clock.

FOURTH-DAY MORNING THE 18TH.

Met in joint session pursuant to adjournment.

The Committee to visit Subordinate Meetings, and also the Committee on General Meetings, have presented their Annual Reports, as follows: (See p. 33.) These Reports are satisfactory and encouraging to this Meeting, especially the information that the Meetings held under the care of the Committees, were, as they believed, to the honor of Truth, and that the Gospel was preached fully and clearly.

At their suggestion, we conclude to release these two Committees, and we now appoint the following named Friends (see p. 34) to present to a future sitting the names of Friends to constitute a Committee to whom this whole subject may be referred, under the name of the Committee on General Meetings and other Gospel Service, and they are encouraged, as way may open in the Truth, to hold General Meetings, Series of meetings, or visit our Subordinate Meetings during the year.

The Committee appointed to serve this Meeting on behalf of the Freedmen, made the following Report. (See p. 34). This Report is highly gratifying and encouraging to the Meeting. We conclude to continue the concern under the care of the same Committee, with the substitution of Moses Bailey in the place of Edward W. Howland, deceased. The Committee are at liberty, and are encouraged to make the alterations in the building, as proposed, and to raise a subscription for that purpose.

Adjourned to meet in separate session at 4 o'clock this afternoon.

FOURTH-DAY AFTERNOON. Met according to adjournment.

The Committee intrusted with the concern of this Meeting for the improvement of the Penobscot and Passamaquoddy tribes of Indians, made Report (See p. 17.)

For many years this people has received the attention and interest of Friends, and we believe that benefit has resulted to them from this care. As they do not need further attention to their physical condition, and there seems no present opening for religious service among them, we conclude to release the Committee from further care in their behalf.

Essays of Epistles to our dear sisters of Iowa, London and Dublin Yearly Meetings, have been read and approved.

The Committee to promote Scriptural instruction in Bible Schools,

made their Report, viz.: (see p. 38,) which is very interesting and satisfactory to the Meeting, and the same Committee, with the addition of Hannah T. Pratt and Sarah E. Buffinton, is continued for service the ensuing year, and they are encouraged to persevere in this good work.

The preparation of returning Minutes for Friends now in attendance of this Meeting with certificates, is referred to the Committee on Correspondence.

The joint Committee appointed to disburse the income arising from the H. H. Mosher Fund, presented the following Report, viz.: (see p. 40,) which is satisfactory to the Meeting, and we re-appoint the Committee that served last year. (See p. 41.)

The isolated condition of a few of our scattered and distant members in the British Provinces, more especially at Pictou and on the Island of Cape Breton, has claimed our interest and sympathy, the subject having been brought to our notice by a reference from the Representative Meeting.

These persons, upwards of thirty in number, and nominally members of China Monthly Meeting, we believe demand our loving care, and for this purpose we appoint Sarah A. Holmes, Rebecca H. Smiley, Sarah M. Richardson and Rachel S. Howland to unite with a similar committee of men Friends, and act with China Monthly Meeting in extending to these distant members such care and counsel as they may seem to require.

The request for one hundred dollars for the use of the Committee in this service is referred to the Committee on Finance.

The Committee to whom was referred the question from Falmouth Quarterly Meeting, have presented a Report, which has been accepted by this Meeting, in concurrence with men Friends. (See p. 42.)

Adjourned to meet at 3 o'clock to-morrow afternoon.

FIFTH-DAY AFTERNOON. Met near 3 o'clock.

The Representatives being called, are present except twenty-two.

The Representatives to this Meeting have proposed the Friends named (see p. 43) to constitute a Representative Meeting for the ensuing year, which proposition has been united with by us, and they are appointed to that service.

Essays of Epistles to our dear sisters of Kansas, Western, North Carolina, Indiana, Canada, Baltimore, New York, and Ohio Yearly Meetings, and to the Monthly Meeting of Friends at Brumana,

on Mt. Lebanon, have been read and approved, and the Clerk is authorized to sign them on our behalf and forward them to those Meetings respectively.

The Friends appointed to nominate a Committee on General Meetings, and for other Gospel Service, have reported, (see p. 45,) who are accepted by this Meeting, and they are appointed accordingly.

The Committee appointed to propose the names of Friends to constitute a Committee on Foreign Missions, have reported, which is united with by this Meeting. (See p. 44.)

The Report of the Committee on Finance has been read, and the appropriations proposed are approved. (See p. 46.)

The Report of the Committee to audit the Treasurer's account has also been approved. (See p. 45.)

The Committee on Peace have presented their Annual Report, (see p. 47,) which is satisfactory, and the Committee who served last year is re-appointed, with the exception of Nathaniel Gifford, deceased, and the addition of George H. Gifford. (See p. 48.)

The Clerk is authorized to have the Minutes of this Meeting, and the Epistles received from our sisters of other Yearly Meetings, printed for circulation among our members.

The Clerk is directed to sign on our behalf the following Minute for our beloved friend, Helen Balkwill, from England, viz. :

Our beloved friend, Helen Balkwill, is in attendance of this Meeting. Her company and service in the Gospel have been acceptable to us.

The Clerk is also directed to sign on our behalf, Returning Minutes for our friends, Sarah G. Pumphrey, from England, for Ruth S. Murray, Thomas Kimber and his wife, Mary S. Kimmer, David Johnston, William P. Angell, Deborah C. Thomas, William A. Symmes, Rufus P. King, Joseph Stanley, Daniel Haviland and William P. Hastings; also, to sign the following Minute for our beloved friend, Stanley Pumphrey, from England, viz. :

Our beloved friend, Stanley Pumphrey, who very acceptably attended our Yearly Meeting, in 1876, is again present at this time. His ministry in the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ in this Meeting, and within our borders, has been sound and edifying, to the comfort and instruction of the Church; while his circumspect walk and humility have been truly exemplary.

The Clerk is further directed to sign on our behalf the following

Minute for our friend, Lydia Stanley, and a similar one for our friend, Elihu Cobbs, viz. :

Our beloved friend, Lydia Stanley, acceptably attended this Meeting.

And now, at the close of our annual gathering, it seems fitting that we should make mention of the loving kindness and faithfulness of our God. We came to this Meeting in great weakness and with trembling faith, but as we have looked to Him for help, He has graciously condescended to increase our strength. He has ministered to our varied needs, and enabled us to transact the business of the church in harmony and love. Commending ourselves, and our dear absent sisters, to His continued watchful care and love during the coming year, we conclude, proposing to meet again at Newport, R. I., in the Sixth Month, next year, if the Lord permit.

Signed on behalf of the Meeting,

ANNA G. WOOD, *Clerk.*

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MINUTES

OF THE

YEARLY MEETING

OF

FRIENDS FOR NEW ENGLAND.

1880.

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MINUTES.

1. At the Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England, held at Newport, Rhode Island, commencing on Seventh-day, Sixth Month 12th, 1880.

2. By the Reports received from our several Quarterly Meetings, it appears that the following named Friends have been appointed Representatives to this Meeting, viz.:—

FROM RHODE ISLAND—Thomas Harkness, Stephen Chace, Allen Jay, Thomas B. Buffum, Obadiah Chace, Jacob Mott, William T. Collins, James Dennis, Abner Potter, Jr., Charles W. Earle, Abel F. Collins and Benjamin F. Knowles.

FROM SALEM — John Paige, Charles F. Coffin, Owen Dame, Joseph Cartland, William O. Newhall, Moses F. Rogers, Josiah D. Challis, Charles H. Thorndike, James P. Boyce, John H. Crosman and Gustavus Austin.

FROM SANDWICH — William C. Taber, Jonathan Cowen, Edward G. Dillingham, William Thompson, Nathaniel Howland, David K. Akin, George Howland, Jr., Stephen R. Wing, Gideon Gifford, David Kelley, John F. Tucker and Matthew Howland.

FROM FALMOUTH—Lemuel Jones, Freeman Andrews, George Douglass, Augustus F. Cox, John J. Frye, Calvin S. Goddard, Timothy Hanson, Silas H. Cartland, Ezekiel Varney, Jr., Abram Winslow, Stephen Cartland and Charles A. Nichols.

FROM SMITHFIELD—Abel C. Munroe, Jonathan F. Southwick, James O. Inman, John B. Daniels, Thomas A. Wheeler and Richard Battey.

FROM VASSALBORO — Eli Jones, Jedediah J. Varney, Thomas B. Nichols, J. William Jacob, Charles B. Cates, John Frye, Caleb Jones, Daniel Ayer and William H. Beale.

FROM DOVER — Jacob K. Purinton, Tobias Meader, Timothy B. Hussey, Albert C. Buffum, William P. Tuttle and Horatio S. Morrell.

FROM FAIRFIELD—Levi Jones, Henry Winslow, I. Warren Hawkes, Moses Bailey, Paul Wing, Isaac Winslow, George Richardson, Joseph Taylor and Joseph E. Briggs.—

whose names being called, they were all present except eight, for the absence of three of whom sufficient reasons have been assigned.

3. Having at this time the acceptable company of our beloved friends, William A. Symmes from New York Yearly Meeting, William P. Hastings from North Carolina Yearly Meeting, Joseph Stanley and David B. Updegraff from Ohio Yearly Meeting, John Carey, John P. Pennington, John Henry Douglas and Luke Woodard from Indiana Yearly Meeting,—satisfactory testimonials from their respective Meetings, expressive of unity with them as Ministers and with their present religious engagements, were presented and read.

4. Very acceptable Epistles from the Yearly Meetings of London, Ireland, New York and Baltimore have been read to our comfort and encouragement; there have also been received Epistles from North Carolina, Ohio, Indiana, Western, Iowa and Kansas Yearly Meetings, also one from Brumana Monthly Meeting, Mt. Lebanon. The reading of these is deferred to future sittings. We appoint the following named Friends a Committee to prepare, as way may open, essays of reply thereto, including an Epistle to Canada Yearly Meeting, from which none has been received this year, and present them at a future sitting, viz.: Joseph Cartland, Josiah Holmes, Jr., William C. Taber, J. William Jacob, Allen Jay, Stephen Sears, Charles M. Jones, Henry T. Wood, John F. Tucker, Timothy B. Hussey, Thomas B. Nichols, John Paige, Joseph Taylor, Matthew Howland, Lemuel Jones, David Douglas, Charles H. Thorndike, William Thompson, Henry C. Aydelott, I. Warren Hawkes, Charles B. Cates, Jonathan Cowen, Benjamin F. Knowles, Obadiah Chace, Richard Battey, George Howland, Jr. and Edward G. Dillingham.

5. All our Quarterly Meetings report that they have directed their Treasurers to pay to the Treasurer of this Meeting their respective proportions of Yearly Meeting stock.

6. The following changes have occurred in our several Quarterly Meetings, during the past year, as reported in their accounts to this Meeting, viz.:—

Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting reports that George Bowen, an Elder, and member of Rhode Island Monthly Meeting, died Twelfth Month 13th, 1879, aged 78 years, 8 months and 4 days; Amey S. Anthony, a Minister, and member of Swansea Monthly Meeting, died

First Month 21st, 1880, aged 68 years, 3 months and 5 days; Abner Slade, an Elder, and member of the same Monthly Meeting, died Twelfth Month 2d, 1879, aged 87 years and two months; and that it has united with South Kingstown Monthly Meeting in acknowledging the gift and approving the public ministry of Harriette D. Collins.

Salem Quarterly Meeting reports that it has united with Salem Monthly Meeting in the appointment of J. Ellwood Paige and Olney T. Meader to the station of Elder.

Sandwich Quarterly Meeting reports that Daniel Swift, a Minister, and member of Sandwich Monthly Meeting, deceased Eighth Month 21st, 1879, aged 86 years, 8 months and 15 days; and that it has united with the same Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Stephen R. Wing to the station of Elder; and that Ruth S. Murray, a Minister, has been received by certificate by New Bedford Monthly Meeting, from the Monthly Meeting of New York.

Falmouth Quarterly Meeting reports that it has united with Falmouth Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Lucy R. Goddard to the station of Elder; and that Martha M. Varney, a Minister, and member of Durham Monthly Meeting died Second Month 17th, 1880, aged 56 years.

Smithfield Quarterly Meeting reports that it has united with Smithfield Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Alfred Briggs and Sarah Osborne to the station of Elder; and that Anthony Chase, an Elder, and member of Uxbridge Monthly Meeting, deceased Eighth Month 4th, 1879, aged 88 years, 1 month and 18 days.

Vassalboro Quarterly Meeting reports that Stephen Jones, an Elder, and member of China Monthly Meeting, died Fourth Month 30th, 1880, aged 90 years and 4 days, Mary G. Jones, a Minister, and member of the same Monthly Meeting, died Third Month 2d, 1880, aged 46 years, 5 months and 6 days, and that Elisha Mosher, an Elder, and member of Unity Monthly Meeting, died Third Month 15th, 1880, aged 79 years, 7 months and 24 days.

Dover Quarterly Meeting reports that Mary D. Page, an Elder, and member of Dover Monthly Meeting, died Fifth Month 24th, 1879, aged 41 years, 7 months and 1 day, and that Moses Roberts, an Elder, and member of the same Monthly Meeting, died Fourth Month 4th, 1880, aged 85 years and 25 days.

Fairfield Quarterly Meeting reports that it has united with Litchfield (now Winthrop) Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Proctor Sampson to the station of Elder, and with Winthrop Monthly Meet-

ing in the appointment of Sophia D. Bailey and Lizzie M. Hawkes to the same station ; and with St. Albans Monthly Meeting in acknowledging the gift and approving the public ministry of Isaac Winslow. Silas E. Hoxie, an Elder, and member of Sidney Monthly Meeting, died Second Month 10th, 1880, aged 65 years, 11 months and 9 days ; William Farr, an Elder, and member of Winthrop Monthly Meeting, died on the same day, aged 82 years and 3 months, and Irena Winslow, an Elder, and member of St. Albans Monthly Meeting, died Second Month 19th, 1880, aged 86 years ; and that the name of Litchfield Monthly Meeting has been changed from Litchfield to Winthrop.

The address of Joseph Taylor, correspondent of Sidney Monthly Meeting, is changed to Lakeside, Kennebec County, Maine.

7. Sandwich Quarterly Meeting proposes that the time of holding that Meeting be changed, from the first Fifth-day in the Seventh Month to the second Fifth-day of the same month, commencing as heretofore at 10.30 o'clock, A.M. The Meeting of Ministers and Elders to be held the day previous, at 3 o'clock, P. M., which, claiming the attention of the Meeting, is approved, and the change accordingly made, and the Clerk is directed to inform Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of our conclusion, and that the change take place next year—the Women's Meeting concurring.

8. Our beloved friend, Sarah B. Satterthwaite, who so acceptably attended this Yearly Meeting in 1877, is again with us, and has presented a satisfactory Minute from Holm Monthly Meeting, held Third Month 11th, endorsed by the Quarterly Meeting of Cumberland and Northumberland, England ; and one from the Yearly Meeting of Ministry and Oversight, held in London, on the 17th and 18th of Fifth Month, 1880. Also, our beloved friend, Mary White, with a Minute of unity from Edinburgh Two-Months' Meeting, endorsed by the General Meeting for Scotland, held Fifth Month 9th, 1880. In again welcoming these dear friends to our hearts and homes, earnest desires have been felt and have found expression upon our lips that the Lord may keep them humble, watchful, and above all, faithful in His service, and that their visit and labors may be made a blessing to us.

9. We have also the acceptable company of our beloved friends, Deborah C. Thomas from Baltimore Yearly Meeting and Elizabeth L. Comstock from Ohio Yearly Meeting, who have presented Minutes of unity with them as Ministers, and with their present prospect of service amongst us.

10. Margaret H. White, an Elder, companion to Deborah C. Thomas, Caroline DeGreene, companion to her mother, Elizabeth L. Comstock, and Elvira T. Woodard, an Elder, companion to her husband, Luke Woodard, are also acceptably in attendance of this Meeting, with satisfactory testimonials from their friends at home.

11. The subject of furnishing our friends in attendance of this Meeting, from other Yearly Meetings with returning Minutes, if way should open, is referred to the following Friends, viz.: Allen Jay, Joseph Cartland, William C. Taber, Henry T. Wood, David K. Akin, Charles B. Cates, Owen Dame, Richard Battey, George Douglass and John Paige, who are requested to unite in the service with a similar Committee of Women Friends.

Adjourned to 4 o'clock this afternoon.

AFTERNOON.—Met pursuant to adjournment.

12. George Howland, Jr., on behalf of the Representatives, informed the Meeting that they were united in proposing William O. Newhall for Clerk, and Henry T. Wood and Timothy B. Hussey for Assistant Clerks; which nominations being severally approved, they are appointed to those stations the ensuing year.

13. Epistles from North Carolina, Ohio and Indiana were now read.

14. The Committee having charge of the Boarding School at Providence have presented their Annual Report, which having been read and deliberately considered, is satisfactory to the Meeting and fully united with, and the recommendation in reference to an increase of the price for board and tuition is adopted, and the Committee now under appointment continued another year, and we desire their encouragement in the arduous labors devolving upon them.

REPORT OF THE BOARDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

TO THE YEARLY MEETING:

In again presenting their Annual Report, the School Committee can but reiterate the expression of former years, that, under the new administration, as heretofore, the School has pursued the even tenor of its way, and in its progress and general management has received the approval of the Committee.

The religious feeling, to which we alluded with interest in the Report of last year, has continued, and we can indorse the expression of the

Principal in his last Report to us, that in moral tone and the honorable observance of the needful regulations of the School, it has improved during the year.

The number of scholars for the Autumn Term was 184; and for the Spring Term has been 160.

The Meetings on First and Fourth-days have been continued, and from the Reports of the several members of the Committee who have had the privilege of attending them, we are satisfied that many of them are favored seasons.

With the exception of a comparatively few mild cases of scarlet fever, the health of the scholars and family has been good. Notwithstanding the mildness of the disease, numbers of scholars were withdrawn from the School; this interruption increased the labor of the management, and has also affected the aggregate attendance.

The Yearly Meeting last year authorized some changes in the rates to be charged for admission to the School; but as the circulars had necessarily been sent out by the Principal before the action by the Yearly Meeting, and applications from scholars, predicated on the former rates, had been received, the Committee judged it expedient to suspend the operation of the change until the issuance of a new circular setting forth those changes; and report their action to the Yearly Meeting.

Some changes in the way of improvements, such as the erection of a room 17 by 22½ feet, immediately connected with the house, with ample water closet arrangements for the convenience of the boys, and a largely increased improvement in the sewerage, by connecting the drains from the house with the main sewer on Hope Street, 700 feet distant, have been made since our last Report. The gymnasium building, which had become dilapidated and unsightly, has been put in good order, with new ceilings and floor, and is now a comfortable and healthy resort for the boys, especially in inclement weather.

The following list contains the names of the officers and teachers for the year which will close on the 22d inst.

Augustine Jones, Principal.

Amy E. Johnson, Principal of Girls' Department.

John W. Freese, Governor and English Studies.

Susan S. Moore, Governess and English Studies.

Thomas J. Battey, Natural Science.

John M. Potter, Higher Mathematics.

Francis B. Gummere, Mental Science and German, Autumn Term.

Seth K. Gifford, Greek and Latin.

Henry Wood, English Literature and German.

Clarkson Collins, Mental Science and German, Autumn Term.

Austin B. Fletcher, Reading and Elocution, Autumn Term.

Bessie T. Wing, French, History and Literature.

Mary Amy Collins, English Studies.

S. Elma Gifford, Mathematics.

Sophia L. Pitman, Drawing and Painting.
 Mary E. Rawson, Vocal Culture.
 Allen Jay, Secretary and Book Keeper.

From the account of the Treasurer of the School Fund, as reported by the Auditing Committee, we find that he has received as

Income from the General Fund,	\$5,923 87	
Income received from fund in the hands of the Treasurer of the Yearly Meeting,	495 00	
Received from return premiums of insurance,	396 25	
	<u> </u>	\$6,815 12

PAYMENTS,

Paid insurance premiums,	\$575 00	
Paid Augustine Jones, Superintendent, for receipts,	6,240 12	
	<u> </u>	\$6,815 12

CHARITABLE FUND.

Balance on hand last year,	\$850 57	
Income,	2,374 01	
	<u> </u>	\$3,224 58

PAYMENTS.

Paid school bills,	\$2,100 00	
Balance on hand,	1,124 58	
	<u> </u>	\$3,224 58

The following items of receipt and expenditure appear from the accounts of the Principal:

RECEIPTS.

Income from the Treasurer of the School Fund,	\$6,240 12	
Income from board and tuition,	31,302 45	
Received from Treasurer of the Yearly Meeting from funds belonging to the School, arising from sales of land, and held by him, to pay city tax,	2,861 60	
Received from same fund in aid of improvements and additions,	2,000 00	
	<u> </u>	\$42,404 17

EXPENDITURES.

Allowance to A. K. Smiley, in settlement, for change in duration of term, and for articles purchased of him,	\$874 00	
Cost of sewer connection with Hope Street, 700 feet,	1,279 63	
Cost of new building, including water closets and concreting,	2,096 23	
	<u> </u>	
<i>Amount carried forward,</i>	<i>\$4,249 86</i>	

<i>Amount brought forward</i> ,	\$4,249 86	
City tax on school property,	2,861 60	
City sewer assessment on Hope Street front,	349 13	
Salaries to teachers and officers,	12,668 00	
Wages paid for labor and servants' hire,	5,745 23	
Provisions,	10,789 39	
Repairs and replacements,	2,004 10	
Fuel and light,	2,364 04	
Water,	310 30	
Incidentals, including periodicals, additions to library, medicines and postage,	451 34	
Estimated balance remaining,	611 18	
	<hr/>	\$42,404 17

From the above statement it appears that the income received for board and tuition falls short of the amount realized the year previous by about six thousand dollars. It will also be seen that it became necessary to use about five thousand dollars of the fund arising from sales of land, in the hands of the Treasurer of the Yearly Meeting, in the payment of the tax upon the school property, and in aid of the permanent improvements reported.

The Treasurer of the Yearly Meeting reports, that he has received

From coupons on bonds,	\$495 00	
From proceeds of sale of five U. S. Bonds,	5,353 12	
	<hr/>	\$5,848 12

PAYMENTS.

Thomas Harkness, Treasurer of School Fund,	\$495 00	
Augustine Jones, per order of Committee,	4,861 60	
Two small bills, printing, etc.,	4 60	
Balance on hand to new account	486 92	
	<hr/>	\$5,848 12

The Committee submit the following proposition for rates to be charged for admission to the School the coming year, viz:

For members of our Yearly Meeting,	\$125 00
For members of other Yearly Meetings, or when one or both parents are members of this Yearly Meeting,	\$225 00
For all others who may be admitted,	\$300 00
One-half payable at the commencement of the year, and one-half at the opening after recess.	

An additional charge of ten dollars, each, to be made for one year's instruction in Greek, Latin, French, German, or Drawing.

In conclusion, we acknowledge with grateful feelings that, while we entered upon our interesting engagement with anxiousness, in consequence of the change of Principal of the School, we can now as the year

draws to its close, express our cordial appreciation of the devoted faithfulness of our new Principal, and with thankfulness for the Divine blessing upon the School in time past, we humbly invoke the same favor in the future.

On behalf and by direction of the Committee.

GEO. HOWLAND, JUN., *Clerk.*

BOARDING SCHOOL.

Providence. Sixth Month 1st, 1880.

NOTE.—The Autumn term begins Ninth Month 1st, 1880, and closes First Month 19th, 1881. Winter recess begins First Month 21st, and closes Second Month 2d. The Spring term begins Second Month 2d, and closes Sixth Month 21st, 1881.

Applications for admission to the School should be made seasonably for the meeting of the Committee on the 3d day of the Eighth Month next.

Those who are members of our Yearly Meeting will have preference of all others to that date; after which applications will be acted upon in the order in which they are received. Those who desire the benefit of the charitable fund should apply at the time above specified.

All applications should be sent to the Principal. Address. AUGUSTINE JONES, Friends' Boarding School, Providence, R. I.

BOARDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

Charles F. Coffin,
George Howland, Jr.,
Moses Bailey,
William C. Taber,
Timothy B. Hussey,
Timothy K. Earle,
Samuel R. Buffinton,
Henry T. Wood,
Richard Battey,
William C. Monroe,
Thomas B. Nichols,
Augustus F. Cox,
James H. Chase,
James O. Inman,
John F. Tucker,
Peter M. Neal,

Ellen K. Buffum,
Ann Maria Coffin,
Sylvia G. Howland,
Ann B. Earle,
Hannah J. Bailey,
Ann K. Colton,
Hannah B. Sawyer,
Laura S. Collins,
Rebecca C. Grinnell,
Anna G. Wood.
Deborah W. Crosman,
Abby S. Battey,
Elizabeth H. Austin,
Sarah F. Tobey,
Esther Jones,
Caroline C. Earle.

15. We appoint our Friends Jacob Mott, Thomas Folsom, Matthew Howland, Lemuel Jones, Thomas A. Wheeler, William H. Beale, Jacob K. Purinton and I. Warren Hawkes a Committee to prepare a summary of the Answers to the Queries and present it at our next sitting.

16. We appoint Nathan Chace, Owen Dame, John F. Tucker, George Douglass, Richard Battey, Charles B. Cates, Timothy B. Hussey and Reuben T. Jones a Committee to audit and settle the accounts of the Treasurer to the present date; to propose a sum of money to be raised sufficient to defray the expenses of the Meeting the ensuing year, and to propose a Friend for Treasurer; also one for Treasurer of the Boarding School Fund.

17. The following statistical information has been received from our several Quarterly Meetings, viz :

	Number reported last year.	Error in last year's report; gain.	Error in last year's report; loss.	Births.	Deaths.	Moved in.	Moved out.	Admitted.	Released.	Gain.	Loss.	Present number.
Rhode Island . .	724		12	8	20	6	7	21	3		7	717
Salem	681			6	10	4	4	5	4		3	678
Sandwich	759			5	22	10	5	4	4		12	747
Falmouth	587			8	19	4	8	11	2		7	581
Smithfield	430		1	1	7	2	1	7	3		2	428
Vassalboro	507			1	8	1		1			5	502
Dover	326			1	6		3	1	2		9	317
Fairfield	448	6		1	10	3	2	10	3	6		453
Total.	4462	6	13	31	102	30	30	60	21	6	45	4423
Loss											39	

Adjourned to 10 o'clock, Second-day Morning, the 14th.

SECOND-DAY MORNING, THE 14TH.

The Meeting again assembled.

18. Epistles from Western, Iowa and Kansas Yearly Meetings and one from the Monthly Meeting of Brumana, Mt. Lebanon, were now read.

19. By the Report from Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting, we are informed that James Henderson appeals to this Meeting from its decision, and that they have appointed a Committee to represent them in the case. Whereupon, we appoint our friends John H. Crosman, Olney T. Meader, David Kelley, Ephraim Gifford, Augustus F. Cox, Lemuel Jones, Richard Battey, Thomas A. Wheeler, Charles B. Cates, William H. Beale, Jacob K. Purinton, Oliver Meader, Reuben

T. Jones and Paul Wing, to hear the parties in the case, and report their judgment at a future sitting of this Meeting.

20. By the Report from Salem Quarterly Meeting, we are informed that John W. Hanson appeals to this Meeting from its decision, and that they have appointed a Committee to represent them in the case. Whereupon, we appoint our friends James H. Chace, Nathan Chace, John F. Tucker, David K. Akin, George Douglass, Charles F. Andrews, Calvin R. Rockwood, Jonathan F. Southwick, John Frye, Daniel Ayer, Thomas E. Roberts, George Estes, Levi Jones and Henry Winslow, to hear the parties in the case, and report their judgment at a future sitting of this Meeting.

21. Smithfield Quarterly Meeting proposes that the time of holding their Quarterly Meeting of Ministers and Elders be changed in the Eighth Month, from 5 o'clock to 3 o'clock of the same day, which claiming the consideration of the Meeting is approved and the change is accordingly made—the Women's Meeting uniting herein. The Clerk is directed to give the necessary information.

22. Vassalboro Quarterly Meeting proposes that this Meeting hold its sessions next year at Portland, Maine; which is fully united with by this Meeting. Women Friends concurring.

23. The Meeting now entered upon a consideration of the state of Society, as presented by the Answers to the Queries from our Quarterly Meetings, proceeding therein through the Second, when the Meeting adjourned to 4 o'clock this afternoon.

AFTERNOON.—Assembled pursuant to adjournment.

24. The consideration of the state of Society, was resumed and concluded.

MINUTE ON EXERCISE OF THE MEETING.

During the consideration of the state of society we were favored with a precious evidence of the owning presence of our Heavenly Father. He was pleased to baptize the assembled church with a deep concern for the welfare of its membership, and under the leadings of His Holy Spirit a number of the Lord's messengers were qualified to hand forth words of counsel and advice. We were reminded of the words, "By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one for another." This love is more than the absence of hatred. It is positive and active. It is more than human, it is Divine. It seeks not its own, but the good of others. If our hearts are thus filled with this love to God whom we have not seen, we shall find no trouble in loving our brother whom we have

seen. We will then be careful of the reputation of those around us. We will seek to guard the door of our lips that we may not offend by our conversation, but rather show forth His praise wherever our lot may be cast.

It is still cause of sadness that so many neglect the attendance of our religious meetings. We earnestly desire that all such may examine the grounds of such neglect. Dear friends, we are persuaded that the real cause often arises from a lack of true love to God. Yielding to the love of the world, its ease and pleasures, sooner or later brings coldness, and indifference to the soul's highest and eternal interest. Do not then neglect the assembling of yourselves together.

As the true hunger and thirst is felt,—and there can be little growth in the Christian life without this experience,—we shall gladly avail ourselves of the privilege of together presenting our wants and desires to Him who feedeth His flock like a shepherd. Hold all your meetings in the power of God. Nor should we wait until we reach our meetings, to seek a preparation to worship Him. The Lord's command to the people was for them to sanctify themselves, and He would do wonders among them. The offering was prepared at home and then brought and presented before the Lord. So let us seek a preparation of heart to worship God, if possible, by turning away from the counting house and work shop, the farm and the daily cares of life, before going to our meetings. Having thus set ourselves apart for a blessing, God will often work wonders among us. Our meetings will be times of refreshing from the presence of the Lord. Each will then be concerned to occupy the gift committed to his care, whether it be in silent communion, in prophesying, in teaching, in psalms or in doctrine, all will be done with the spirit and with the understanding, to the edification of the church.

We were reminded that the family is a divine institution. It should be the most sacred place on earth. Around it cluster the dearest relations of life. Only those parents whose hearts are filled with the spirit of Christ can successfully train their children for Him. It is only as we maintain our proper relation to our Heavenly Father that we can as parents hold our right position in the family. We need to be much in prayer. A life without prayer is not a Christian life. Let no false fear or sense of weakness prevent us from gathering our children daily around us, and reading a portion of Scripture to them, and as God may give us ability join with them in prayer and praise to Him. Encourage them to give utterance to the feelings that the Holy Spirit may put in their hearts. Speak to them of the things that pertain to their present and eternal welfare. It is indeed sad when our children have to go to others for that spiritual comfort and consolation which their souls stand in need of; or when we find it easier to speak to other children than our own of the Saviour's love. May all who are parents seek earnestly for that ability which will enable them to bring their children and those under their care to Christ that they may be converted, while young, and grow up in love and fear so that when they go forth into the world, they

may go as the children of the Lord, prepared of Him for the responsibilities of life.

Let us ever bear in mind that we are the Lord's, that we are bought with a price. That we and all we have, are His. Do not forget that the good things which He has given to us should be freely given to His cause. It is the cheerful giver that He blesses. Freely have ye received both of spiritual and temporal blessing, likewise let these be freely given to His work and service. Finally, dear friends, "Be ye steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord; forasmuch as ye know that your labor is not in vain in the Lord."

SUMMARY ANSWERS.

ANSWER 1.—All our meetings for religious worship and discipline have been regularly held, except fifteen reported from six Quarterly Meetings, and one other Quarter reports a few meetings omitted during the year. Those on First-days have been attended by nearly all our members, while mid-week meetings and meetings for discipline are neglected by many; the hour is nearly observed; mostly clear of unbecoming behavior.

ANS. 2.—Love and unity are generally maintained amongst us, with some exception from all our Quarterly Meetings; detraction appears to be guarded against by most Friends; where differences arise, care is taken to end them.

ANS. 3.—With few exceptions, Friends are careful to maintain a religious life and conversation, and endeavor, by example and precept, to train their children, and others under their care, in accordance with our Christian profession.

ANS. 4.—We believe that most Friends frequently read the Holy Scriptures, individually and collectively, in their families, and encourage those under their care in the practice of this religious duty; they also maintain our testimony to a free Gospel ministry, with little exception.

ANS. 5.—Friends are nearly clear of the use of intoxicating liquors as a beverage, although six exceptions are reported from two of the Quarterly Meetings. A few of our members are not careful to avoid amusements and diversions inconsistent with our Christian profession. Moderation is generally observed.

ANS. 6.—The circumstances of the poor receive our attention, and their necessities are relieved. Care is taken to educate their children.

ANS. 7.—Not quite clear as to military matters and oaths; clear as to defrauding the public revenue.

ANS. 8.—Nearly clear in these respects.

ANS. 9.—The Records in most of our meetings appear to be carefully kept, although some deficiency is reported in one or two cases; a few removals without certificates, which are under notice.

ANS. 10.—The discipline is administered, we believe in Christian tenderness and impartially, although not so timely in some cases as might be desirable; judgment is placed when it appears necessary, in the authority of truth and according to discipline.

25. The following summary of the Answers to the Queries from the Yearly Meeting of Ministers and Elders, together with a Minute of that Meeting, were laid before this Meeting and read, viz. :

MINUTE OF THE YEARLY MEETING OF MINISTERS AND
ELDERS, SIXTH MONTH, 1880.

The Queries were read in this Meeting, with Answers thereto from our several Quarterly Meetings, a summary of which the clerk was directed to lay before the Yearly Meeting, with the accompanying Minute.

ANSWER 1.—Ministers and Elders are, with little exception, diligent in attending their meetings for worship and discipline, and careful to promote the attendance of their families.

ANS. 2.—The lives and conversation of Ministers and Elders are in a good degree, clean and blameless among men. We believe they are, with little exception, (on account of which some care has been taken,) in unity one with another, and with the Meeting to which they belong, harmoniously laboring together for the honor of Truth.

ANS. 3.—With some exception in one Meeting, they endeavor to rule their own houses well, and by example and precept, encourage their families in a religious life and conversation, consistent with our Christian profession.

ANS. 4.—They are mostly preserved in love, and are concerned to administer encouragement or counsel, as occasion may require, in reference to ministry or conduct.

As we entered upon an investigation of this portion of the church, a precious feeling of solemnity was mercifully spread over us, and words of earnest petition and loving counsel were offered by beloved Friends present.

We deeply regret that differences still exist, and earnest desires were raised in our hearts for a closer walk with God, and for a renewed baptism of power to labor more effectually for Him. Indeed the fields are white unto harvest, and may it please Him, whose is the power, to afresh anoint His servants for more successful labor in His blessed cause.

The work is His, and it is only as we dwell in humility and watchfulness before Him, that ability is received to do His bidding.

Whilst we miss from our midst dear ones with whom we have sweetly mingled, we rejoice in the evidence afforded, that in the younger ranks there are those who are being fitted and prepared by our Heavenly Father for the promotion of His cause; may there be with them and with us who are older, an entire submission to His will, and a full dependence upon Him for ability to fill our allotted places, and through His blessed aid bring glory and honor to His ever worthy name.

On behalf of the Meeting.

JOHN PAIGE, *Clerk.*

26. The Committee appointed at our Morning Session in reference to the appeal of James Henderson, have presented the following Report, viz.:

COMMITTEE ON JAMES HENDERSON'S APPEAL.

TO N. E. YEARLY MEETING OF FRIENDS:

The Committee appointed to hear and judge the case of James Henderson's appeal from the judgment of Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting, having met and carefully heard the parties concerned, are united in confirming the action of the Quarterly Meeting.

Thomas A. Wheeler,
William H. Beale,
Charles B. Cates,
Jacob K. Purinton,
Reuben T. Jones,
Paul Wing,
Oliver Meader,

John H. Crosman,
Olney T. Meader,
David Kelley,
Ephraim Gifford,
Augustus F. Cox,
Lemuel Jones,
Richard Battey,

Committee.

NEWPORT, SIXTH MONTH 14TH, 1880.

27. The Committee appointed in reference to the appeal of John W. Hanson, report as follows, viz. ;

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON APPEAL OF J. W. HANSON.

TO THE YEARLY MEETING;

We, the Committee in the case of the appeal of John W. Hanson from the judgment of Salem Quarterly Meeting, report: That we have given the parties a fair and impartial hearing, and are united in confirming the judgment of said Quarterly Meeting.

Jona. F. Southwick,
John Frye,
Daniel Ayer,
Thomas E. Roberts,
George Estes,
Levi Jones,
Henry Winslow,

James H. Chace,
Nathan Chace,
John F. Tucker,
David K. Akin,
George Douglass,
Charles F. Andrews,
Calvin R. Rockwood,

Committee.

NEWPORT, SIXTH MONTH 14th, 1880.

Adjourned to meet in joint session to-morrow morning at 10 o'clock.

THIRD-DAY MORNING, SIXTH MONTH 15TH.

The Meeting assembled in joint session pursuant to adjournment.

28. The joint Committee on Foreign Missions made their Annual

Report, which was read; also an appeal from Theophilus Waldmeier, on behalf of the Monthly Meeting of Brumana, Mt. Lebanon. The Report is very encouraging to this Meeting, and we feel that as the work has increased upon our hands, and the beneficial results of our efforts are apparent; we can acknowledge that our interest has also largely increased, and we feel to encourage all our members, and especially our mothers and sisters to renewed liberality in promoting a work so rich in good fruits. The care of the Mission is again entrusted to the same committee (with the substitution of Rachel S. Howland in the place of Anna H. Sutton, not now a member of this Yearly Meeting,) with earnest desires that their efforts may be crowned with the Lord's blessing. The subject of an appropriation called for by the Committee is referred to the Committee on Finance. Our Monthly Meetings are requested to appoint Committees, to assist in raising the necessary additional funds to carry on the work the ensuing year. A recess was then taken and a voluntary subscription entered into in aid of a Training Home for Girls, on Mt. Lebanon, and the sum of about \$1,000 contributed.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

TO THE YEARLY MEETING:—

The Joint Committee on Foreign Missions report that the Mission on Mt. Lebanon has been carried on during the past year as usual, and we can thankfully acknowledge that it has been blessed with a good degree of success both in religious and educational work.

The ten day schools are attended by 359 children, 237 boys and 122 girls. It is especially a sign of improvement that so many of the latter are receiving education, for the social position of woman in that country is very low, and any influence that raises it will be to the advantage of the whole community. After the patient labor of so many years, it is encouraging to see that the fruit is more and more apparent. Some of the older boys have left the schools, but their influence for good is felt among their neighbors. Some are learning trades, others laboring in the fields, trying to be good examples to their fellow-workers who have not had the same advantages.

The usual course of instruction has been pursued with the present scholars in arithmetic, reading, writing and the truths of the Gospel. The teacher of the Roumy school, a graduate of the Training Home, writes: "I mean to teach my boys the way to Jesus as it has been taught to me by my dear teachers at the Training Home."

At the Training Home, the first class, composed of five intelligent young men, have passed through the course of study and received certificates to that effect. One of them is teaching the Roumy school, one

studying medicine and well spoken of by his teachers, one is employed as a turner and one as a carpenter, while one is learning to weave. There are now 27 boys at the Home, and its educational advantages are so well understood by the community that the parents and friends of the pupils are quite willing to pay something for partaking of its privileges.

At the Christmas gathering of the pupils of this and the day schools, the Governor of the district and his wife, the members of the tribunal and the principal inhabitants of Brumana were present. At the close of the exercises the Governor said, "I cannot but express from my heart how glad I am to see all this good that is done in our country, and I pray God may bless this house and its inhabitants, and may He bless and multiply Friends' Mission on Mt. Lebanon." And he added, "I feel it my duty not only to protect but also to help this interesting Mission work by a subscription." The Governor often visits the Mission, and through him the privilege is given of announcing the way of salvation to the people who come from all the villages of the district to plead their causes, and also to those confined in the various prisons.

A small oven has been built, and a bath put up at the School of Industry, a wall has been built around the property, and a large cistern, capable of containing 40,000 gallons of water, has been constructed. Our Friends in England, besides dividing the running expenses of the Mission with us, have borne the expense of these improvements, and have also purchased a house in Brumana village, where day schools for boys and girls are held, making their contributions for the last year about \$3600. The purchase of this house makes it much more convenient for our members in Brumana to attend the meetings, while it was made needful by the expiration of the lease of the buildings where the boys' and girls' schools were held. The room at the Training Home, formerly used for the meetings, is now occupied as a dormitory, thus making room for more pupils.

The Monthly Meeting has been regularly held and attended. Six new members have been received during the year, among them Rosa Waldmeier, the bright and intelligent daughter of Th. Waldmeier, and Dr. Beshara, the head of the Medical Mission.

The Medical Mission has been well kept up, four thousand cases having been treated during the year. People come to it from thirty villages, and its effect in allaying religious animosity has been especially manifest. Those of all sects listen quietly while the Scriptures are read in the waiting-room. At first the medicine was given gratis, but it has been found better to require payment.

Meetings are held on First-day at Brumana, and one has been commenced at Mansourich through the influence of one of our members there. The First-day school at Brumana numbers about 130 boys, girls and women. First-day schools are also held at Beit Mary and Mansourich. A meeting for sewing and a mothers' meeting are held at Brumana during the week.

With this we present an earnest appeal on behalf of the girls of that country that they may have the same advantages as are now enjoyed at

the Boys' Training Home. The women of our beloved society have especial privileges. Will they not especially respond to this call from the oppressed of their own sex?

In conclusion, we would ask the Yearly Meeting to appropriate the sum of \$750 for this object, and to continue the work under the care of a committee who will, as the Lord may bless their efforts, endeavor to raise the remainder of the sum needful for our proportion of the expenses. And in order that they may be able to carry this out, we ask that the different Monthly Meetings may be directed to appoint committees to assist in the work. The Lord has greatly blessed our endeavors in this direction, but while the success is all owing to His blessing, He expects us to use the best means in our power to obtain it.

On behalf of the Committee,

SUSAN TABER THOMPSON, Clerk.

NEWPORT, SIXTH MONTH, 15, 1880.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

RECEIPTS.

1879, 6 Mo., by Bal. last year	\$121 57
By amount collected at Portland	130 25
By amount from B. F. Knowles	100 00
By amount from Philadelphia	113 00
By amount from Phebe M. Marsh	10 00
By amount from Ellen L. Congdon and E. Smith . . .	50 00
By amounts from all other sources, including \$750 from Yearly Meeting	1689 86
	—————\$2,214 68

PAYMENTS.

1879, 9 Mo., 2, To Theoph. Waldmeier	\$1030 92
1880, 2 Mo., 28, To Theoph. Waldmeier	975 00
To amount paid for books	20 40
To Balance on hand	188 36
	—————\$2,214 68

GEO. HOWLAND, JR., Treas. of Committee.

NEW BEDFORD, FIFTH MO., 1880.

AN APPEAL TO AMERICAN FRIENDS FROM FRIENDS' MISSION ON MOUNT LEBANON.

No nation can be civilized, no country can be elevated, unless good and well-educated women will take a share in it. I am sure you love the Bible lands, and you have already done much for its welfare; but I want to direct your attention to the place where our Heavenly Father has given you a mission field, and this place is on Mt. Lebanon, where Friends' Mission is established, which has prospered so much in such a short time.

We have a Training Home for boys, a Medical Mission, an Industry School, ten branch day schools, four First-day schools, a Devotional Fellowship and a Monthly Meeting. Much has been done and accomplished by our Divine Master, but there is one thing still left out until now, which has long rested on my heart, and I cannot but bring it before you, so that my conscience might be at rest. We need a Training Home for girls, for this part of Mt. Lebanon; we have day schools for them, but in a day school we cannot have sufficient control over them so as to be able to mould and form their young hearts and minds according to our desire, and it is really very sad to see them go every evening to their dark, miserable homes, where they get only bad example, and often the impressions of school are quite lost at home. Besides, there is another evil, which is that girls of nine or ten years of age get married before they are able to learn or become useful; but if these children are taken away from their relations and trained in a Boarding School, we could keep them till they are fifteen to eighteen years old, where they may become, by Christ's blessing and our efforts, well-educated, good and pious women.

We must sympathize with the poor women of Mt. Lebanon, for they are despised, ill-treated, and regarded as having only as much understanding as a hen; so they generally say, "We need a Training Home for girls," — one in which we can have about twenty girls to train in, so that Mt. Lebanon might have good mothers, who are able to bring up their children in God's fear, taking an active part in the elevation of the social and religious life, and when we have good mothers, then we can say our victory over degradation and superstition is won, and the day-break of better times will be at hand.

There have been some young girls who were taken up by one of the very first American Missionaries, Dr. Eli Smith, and trained in his house, and these have all, without exception, become good mothers, and are good examples to those around them; this shows the power of good training. No doubt it will be a great blessing if our American Friends would take up this matter and look upon it as their own. The land is already in our possession, and we need only the building, which will cost, when completed, £600, and the current expenses of twenty girls will cost £350 a year. Now this is a large sum I know, but remember, dear Friends, a good woman and pious mother is a thousand times more precious in this and the other world than this sum of money; and we trust, by our Heavenly Father's help, not only one pious woman, but many, will come forth out of a Training Home like this. I ask you earnestly to look on this matter with prayerful consideration, and please let me know your conclusion.

Our dear friend, Eli Jones, will tell and explain to you the matter clearly, as he has been in this country and knows this mission field, and has worked and done much for it, for which our Heavenly Father will reward him in the Better Land. But let him and his friends in America rejoice in putting the key-stone into Friends' Mission by erecting a Training Home for girls.

Now I have told you that which was upon my heart; I leave it now under the care of our Heavenly Father who will move and interest the hearts of His children for His work, if it is His holy will.

THEOPHILUS WALDMEIER.

BRUMANA, MT. LEBANON, FOURTH MONTH 14TH, 1880.

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Eli Jones,
Rebecca H. Smiley,
Abby S Battey,
William Thompson,
Susan T. Thompson,
Harriet N. Jones,
George Howland, Jr.,
Sylvia G. Howland,
Albert C. Buffum,
Henry T. Wood,
Anna G. Wood,
Obadiah Chace,
Benjamin F. Knowles,
Sarah F. Tobey,
Augustus F. Cox,

Eliza P. Varney,
Ann Maria Coffin,
Harriette D. Collins,
J. Warren Starkey,
Mary W. Jones,
Celinda Metcalf,
William H. Beale,
Abbie M. Harris,
Timothy B. Hussey,
Elizabeth K. Hoxie,
Eli Jepson,
Charles M. Jones,
Elizabeth H. Newhall,
Moses Sawyer,
Hannah B. Sawyer,

Rachel S. Howland.

29. The Committee on Education have presented their Annual Report, which is satisfactory to the Meeting, and we commit the subject to the same Committee the ensuing year. In reference to the approaching Educational Conference to be held at Haverford College, the Meeting did not feel to enter upon the appointment of delegates, but Friends were encouraged to attend it as way might open.

COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION.

Augustine Jones,
Matthew Howland,
John F. Tucker,

Caroline Alice Jones,
Aseneth Tetlow,
Rachel S. Howland.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION.

TO THE YEARLY MEETING:

The Committee on Education report: That they have given attention to the subject referred to them, and that they find the interest of Friends in the higher education of their children constantly increasing. This appears in the large attendance of Friends' children at the Boarding School, and in the higher quality of the instruction required there.

The subject of assisting needy young men and women in their expenses at college continues to claim the earnest attention and sympathy of the Committee. We find this year, as we found last year, a number of persons entering the colleges of other denominations, because those institutions furnish aid by scholarships and otherwise. We are stimulating our children in the direction of higher education, and others are reaping where we have sown. We earnestly commend this subject to the attention of persons seeking opportunities to benefit Society and to aid their fellow men. It presents a field where small expenditures will yield great results in the future. It has been said that this kind of education is a luxury only to be enjoyed by the few who can afford it. As to the individual, that may be true; but as to the public, as to society, such education is a necessity; because higher education re-enforces all orders of education beneath, and gives character and influence to society.

The great trust of \$800,000 left by Dr. Taylor, of Burlington, N. J., for the education of young women, is matter for rejoicing and special thanksgiving. And certainly there was peculiar fitness in placing this great institution under the care of Friends, who as a people have never ceased to maintain the spiritual equality of men and women. And what resources it furnishes us for education according to our methods. A Conference in the interests of higher education is to be held at Haverford College, beginning on the seventh day of next month, and the Yearly Meetings are invited to send delegates to it; which invitation, we are informed, has already been accepted by several Yearly Meetings. The Committee, without attempting to direct or anticipate the judgment of the Meeting, are of opinion that such Conference should be composed of persons from the several Yearly Meetings, in their individual capacity, and not as agents of the Meeting with powers to act in its behalf. It is, however, highly important that the friends of education from New England should attend that Conference in as large numbers as possible.

In behalf of the Committee,

AUGUSTINE JONES,
JOHN F. TUCKER,
CAROLINE ALICE JONES,
MATTHEW HOWLAND.
RACHEL S. HOWLAND.

SIXTH-MONTH, 14, 1880.

Adjourned to 4 o'clock this afternoon.

AFTERNOON — met in joint session pursuant to adjournment.

30. The Report of the Joint Committee on General Meetings and other Gospel service, was now presented and read. This concern was felt to be one vitally important to the Church in New England, and the duty of Ministers to the Church, and of the Church to its ministry,

was considered with earnest desires that the will of the Lord may be done by all its members. While we feel gratified by the evidence of faithful labor on the part of the Committee during the past year, we turn to the whitened harvest field with longing desires that our prayers and our faithful labors may be more freely given to the work for the year to come. In the re-appointment of the same Committee for further service, (with the substitution of Ruth S. Murray in the place of Mary G. Jones, deceased,) we desire their encouragement, and also that they may receive the continued help and sympathy of Friends. With a view to aid them in the accomplishment of their work, the Meeting entered upon a voluntary contribution and the sum of \$941.61 realized and directed to be placed in the hands of the Treasurer of the Committee.

COMMITTEE ON GENERAL MEETINGS, ETC.

Eli Jones,	James Cartland,
Rebecca H. Smiley,	Hannah J. Bailey,
Sarah W. Goddard,	Charles B. Cates,
Allen Jay,	William P. Macomber,
J. William Jacob,	William O. Newhall,
Harriette D. Collins,	Ruth S. Murray,
I. Warren Hawkes,	Charles M. Jones,
Charles H. Jones,	Hannah S. Wing,
Susan T. Thompson,	Levi Franklin Jones,
William Thompson,	S. Narcissa Jacob,
Harriet N. Jones,	Henry T. Wood,

Anna G. Wood.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON GENERAL MEETINGS AND OTHER GOSPEL WORK.

TO NEW ENGLAND YEARLY MEETING :

Five General and several Series of meetings have been held by members of your Committee on "General Meetings and other Gospel Work," during the past year. All the Quarterly, and most of the subordinate meetings comprising them, have been visited. Many remote families, and sick and infirm individuals have also claimed our sympathy and attention. These visits and labors have, we believe, been much blessed to the church, but still there is need of much more being done, for many of our meetings are in a low condition, and need to be visited oftener, and more of continuous and united labor bestowed upon them. Our ranks in the Lamb's army need repleting. We want increased power, both from without and within; especially from the indwelling of the Holy Ghost, to enable us to march on to victory. The cry from many places is, "Come over and help

us." Sometimes the messengers of the Lord like best to visit live meetings. The service is much more difficult where but little interest to hear and receive is manifested. The latter need more attention. If some method of regular visitation were adopted a rich blessing might be the result. We need the wisdom that comes from above. The world employs common sense in its important enterprises. Why should we not use "sanctified common sense" in the more important concerns of this life and that which is to come?

While much has been done by some members of the Committee, and we thankfully acknowledge that our feeble efforts have been blessed by the Great Head of the Church, yet much remains undone. The fields are white unto harvest.

In concluding we would recommend the appointment of a committee to continue this work another year.

Respectfully submitted.

HANNAH J. BAILEY, *Clerk.*

NEWPORT, SIXTH MONTH 13TH, 1880.

Adjourned to meet in joint session to-morrow morning at 10 o'clock.

FOURTH-DAY MORNING, SIXTH MONTH 16TH.

The Meeting assembled in joint session pursuant to adjournment.

31. The Records of the Representative Meeting, were now read and the proceedings of that Meeting are approved by this Meeting.

32. By the Records of the Representative Meeting it appears that the following subject from Salem Monthly Meeting is referred to this Meeting, viz.:

MINUTE OF SALEM MONTHLY MEETING.

This meeting desires from the Representative Meeting an explicit definition of the status of an individual in a Monthly Meeting, where a Minute of Sojourn in his favor has been received.

In how far is he amenable to its government or entitled to its privileges?

From the Minutes of Salem Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Lynn, Sixth Month 9th, 1880.

J. ELLWOOD PAIGE, *Clerk.*

Whereupon we appoint our Friends, Benjamin F. Knowles, Ellen K. Buffum, Charles F. Coffin, Hannah B. Sawyer, George Howland, Jr., Rachel S. Howland, Lemuel Jones, Esther Jones, Richard Battey, Abby S. Battey, Thomas B. Nichols, Peace Jones, Jacob K. Purinton, Anna M. Hussey, Levi Jones and Hannah J. Bailey, a Committee to whom we refer this subject, and they are requested to report at a future sitting.

33. The Committee under appointment for Mission Work in North Carolina and other states in the South, made the following Report, viz. :

REPORT ON NORTH CAROLINA MISSION.

TO NEW ENGLAND YEARLY MEETING.

Dear Friends.—Your Committee on Educational and Mission Work in the South feel glad to be able to report that the work has been continued with increased interest and success during the past year. We have employed eight teachers during most of the Fall and Winter, seven of whom taught schools in North Carolina, and one in Tennessee;—265 scholars between the ages of four and twenty-five years have received instruction at these schools; about one-half of whom are the children of Friends. Bible schools and temperance work have been continued: the latter with not quite as much zeal as last year. The former have increased in interest and in the number attending them. Our teachers all seem to be earnest Bible students and make great efforts to induce the older as well as younger people to attend the schools. Each family of Friends has been supplied with Bibles, and some others, with copies of the Bible or Testament—115 volumes of Friend's writings were obtained by a member of this Committee from the Trustees of the Obadiah Brown Fund, and sent to our Mission field in North Carolina. These were divided into three parcels, one of which was sent to each of the following places, viz.:—Hunting Creek, Torbush, and Deep Creek, to form the nucleus of a library. A Friend writing from one of these places, says, "there are about 435 members in Deep Creek Monthly Meeting, most of whom have been received recently, and they need instruction in the way of salvation, and in the customs of Friends." A new meeting has been established at Liberty and called Winthrop, in respect to the Monthly Meeting which started and supported the first school held there. They built a new house last Fall, in which the school and meeting are both held. A Friend who lately visited the meeting wrote us that the house was filled, and that he had seldom seen so many children at a meeting. He spoke of their being very orderly, and listening with interest to what was said in the meeting. He says they have a good Bible school, and a lively teachers' meeting. This, three years ago, was the poorest and most unpromising place in our Mission field. Some of our most advanced scholars at Hunting Creek are now engaged in teaching. Others are attending Friends' Boarding School at New Garden, trying to fit themselves for greater usefulness in the world. We have received many letters from teachers, scholars, and parents, expressing their heartfelt gratitude for what we have done for them. We sent five barrels of clothing last winter which were distributed among the very poor, thus enabling them to attend school and meeting, and to be more comfortable at home in their open log houses. These were received with expressions of much gratitude. We will close this report

with the concluding sentence of a letter received from a Friend living within the limits of Deep Creek Monthly Meeting. He says, "Your work here has been very much blessed, we hope you will be able to continue it a while longer, as most of it would be lost if discontinued now," —\$500 will be needed if the work is continued another year.

On behalf of the Committee,

HANNAH J. BAILEY, COR. SECRETARY.

NEWPORT, R. I., SIXTH MONTH, 14TH, 1880.

COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION IN THE SOUTH IN ACCOUNT
WITH N. E. YEARLY MEETING.

1879.	DR.		
Twelfth Mo. 19th.	To paid on acct. of School Books, .	\$8 25	
28th.	" on acct. of School Furniture, .	15 00	
	" Sarah J. Holmes for Freight, .	4 50	
	" Express on Clothing, . . .	7 00	
	" for Tracts and Postage, . .	6 59	
1880.			
Second Mo. 21st.	" Freight, Money Orders and		
	Postage	3 32	
	" Teachers' Wages,	406 29	
	" Postage and Incidentals, . .	96	
	" Balance in the hands of the		
	Committee,	177 54	
			\$629 45

1879.	CR.		
Sixth Month.	By Balance in hands of Committee, . .	\$186 51	
Seventh Mo.	By amount received of E. S. Frye, . . .	3 00	
	By amount received of Winthrop Monthly		
	Meeting,	11 50	
Ninth Month.	By amount received of L. D. Farr, . . .	10 00	
Eleventh Mo.	By amount received of L. Macomber, . .	5 00	
	By amount received from sale of Books, .	13 44	
	By amount received from Yearly Meeting, .	400 00	
			\$629 45

For the Committee.

MATTHEW HOWLAND, *Treas.*

NEWPORT, SIXTH MONTH, 1880.

The Report is accepted and is satisfactory to the Meeting, and we conclude to continue the concern under the care of the same Committee, with the exception of Joseph N. Swift, deceased, and the addition of Allen Jay and Martha Jay. The subject of an appropriation is referred to the Committee on Finance.

COMMITTEE ON MISSION WORK IN NORTH CAROLINA, ETC.

Benjamin F. Knowles,
 Joseph E. Macomber,
 Gulielma Freeborn,
 Gertrude W. Cartland,
 Joseph S. Nichols,
 Matthew Howland,
 Allen Jay,
 Hannah G. Hoxie,
 Sarah A. Holmes,
 George Douglass,
 Esther Jones,
 Thomas B. Nichols,
 Alfred H. Jones,
 Elizabeth S. Frye,

Mary R. Jones,
 Richard Battey,
 Sarah Jane Swift,
 Joseph Taylor,
 Hannah J. Bailey,
 Albert C. Buffum,
 Lydia C. Tuttle,
 Rachel S. Howland,
 Moses Bailey,
 Charles M. Jones,
 Charles F. Coffin,
 Ann Maria Coffin,
 Rebecca Hoag,
 Moses Sawyer,

Martha Jay.

34. The Joint Committee on the concern of this Meeting for the Improvement of the Indians West of the Mississippi River, made their Annual Report as follows, viz. :

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON WESTERN INDIANS.

TO THE YEARLY MEETING :

The Joint Committee on the concern of this Meeting for the Improvement of the Western Indians, report, that the relinquishment of our responsibility to the government, has not essentially changed our relations to the Indians, nor apparently affected our facilities for useful labor amongst them.

Only two of the Agencies are now in charge of members of our Society, viz. :—Laban J. Miles, of the Osage Agency, and John D. Miles, in charge of the Cheyennes and Arrappahoes. They are efficient and successful in the discharge of their duties and appear to have the confidence of the Government.

The Associated Executive Committee at their meeting in the Fifth Month, at Richmond, Ind., having fully examined the work under its supervision, and feeling that Friends had been providentially relieved from responsibility to the Government, were convinced that never before was the Lord's blessing so signally manifest in the fruits of their labors—“we recognize with gratitude that He seems to have placed before us an open door for teaching the Indians a knowledge of the saving truths of Christianity, and for aiding them in literary and industrial education.”

The Clerk was directed to give the several Yearly Meetings an account of the present hopeful condition of the work, and the providential opportunities which open before us, and submit to their judgment the question of the continued prosecution of the work through the means of an Asso-

ciated Executive Committee. That Committee were united in proposing that the sum of \$2500 be raised by the Associated Yearly Meetings, in aid of this important work for the ensuing year—our proportion of that sum on the quota as heretofore adopted, will be \$425.

We extract from reports and letters to the Associated Committee showing the increase of religious interest at the different Agencies.

Franklin Elliott reports Fourth Month 30th, from Shawnee Town, Sac and Fox Agency—"in making our Fifth Monthly Report, we would state that we feel that the Good Master has been preparing the way before us; our opportunities to work for Christ are on the increase, and with them, our responsibilities. On the first Sabbath of the month, my third appointment for the Shawnees was attended by six of them; on the second Sabbath, I held two meeting at Pleasant Prairie among the Pottawatomies, at which, upon a public profession of faith, three men were given the right hand of fellowship, and received into membership with our religious Society. One of them is said to be the most influential and best man among the Pottawatomies. There are but few in the neighborhood, most of them seem to be earnestly inquiring after truth as it is in Christ. The schools are prospering; the one here is full except that a few are out for a few days to help plant corn. The larger pupils of the Pottawatomie School have quit and gone to work. The Good Master is opening the way for the entrance of the Gospel among the Shawnees. I would like to urge upon Friends the great necessity of taking some Indian children and educating them under the influence of our Society, in order to fit them for leaders among their own people."

Jeremiah Hubbard writes under date of Fourth Month, 28th, 1880, "since I returned home in the winter from Indiana, I have visited several of the tribes in the Quapaw Agency, and mingled with them at their homes and at meetings, and am glad to say that many of them have accepted the Lord as their Saviour. Quite a number of them, since their conversion, have joined Friends—some of them rose in our meetings and said that they felt it was right to join Friends, and they are very much attached to them. I was with the Modocs a week ago last First-day, we reached their School House at ten o'clock, the house was well filled, they had just finished their Sabbath School. We had a good meeting, and the presence of the Lord was felt in our midst. After we were through speaking, Steamboat Frank spoke awhile; their meeting and their deportment are a credit to any neighborhood. At two o'clock we were at the Wyandotte Mission to meeting. The new School Building is completed, and meeting was held there to good satisfaction. On Seventh-day, before we visited the Ottawas, some of them had requested to join Friends and had been received, and a meeting was held on that account—a very favored time it was to all that were there.

The Senecas held a meeting two weeks ago last First-day, and wanted that I should come and hold meetings with them. There are a number of them that have never been to a meeting in their life. I have felt it right to help them all I can; I love to be with them, I verily think that

now is the time for Friends to open the door wide and help, as they are looking to the Society."

L. J. Miles says of his Agency, (the Osage,) "while there has not been that marked improvement that many might expect, yet I believe there has been a steady advancement." "The schools have been kept up almost continuously since my arrival, and a very pleasant feeling has existed between the Indians and the employees. The old barriers of religious prejudice have been much broken down, not by persistent opposition, but by maintaining continually that others were entitled to credit for honesty of purpose and sincerity of belief, as well as the Indians themselves. A meeting for worship has been kept up regularly at both Agencies, followed by a Bible School on First-days. At Osage Agency we have a Sabbath evening service. Prayer meeting Fourth-day evening, and Teachers meeting Seventh-day evening, besides regular collection service with the scholars every evening at 8 o'clock. We hope that the seed quietly sown, may find good ground in many of our hearts, as well as of those with whom we labor, bringing an abundant harvest in years to come."

A letter from E. Tuttle to one of our Committee, says, "Thou speaks of organizing Friends' Meetings among the Indians, I am convinced that this is the only way to hold our ground. It is natural and right for believers to desire to become members of a church. If we do not admit them, other churches do and we suffer loss. As thou knows, we organized a meeting among the Modocs; I think I never attended a meeting where there was a greater manifestation of spiritual life among its members. We think Steamboat Frank is truly a baptized minister; he believes, and his pupils believe, he is called of God to speak to them. Since a change was made in the Agent and Workers, a great effort has been made to get them out of the hands of Friends, but the effort has proved a failure. Last night Steamboat Frank, Bogus Charlie, and three women came here and spent the night, they came here on purpose to tell us their wishes. They said they wanted always to be Quakers." During the Winter and Spring, a barrel of clothing and material, together with a box of books and papers were sent from New Bedford to the care of Asa and Emmeline Tuttle; also a barrel from Portland, to their care, all of which proved useful and satisfactory.

In conclusion we would say, we feel there is no cause for discouragement, and recommend the continuance of a Committee.

In behalf of the Committee,

HENRY T. WOOD,
ELLEN K. BUFFUM.

NEWPORT, SIXTH MONTH, 16TH, 1880.

This report is deeply interesting and very satisfactory to the Meeting. The report was supplemented by remarks from the Clerk of the Associated Executive Committee of Friends of America on Indian Affairs, Dr. J. E. Rhoads. The results of the labors of this Committee have

been a cause of encouragement to us, especially the increased religious awakening manifested amongst this once savage and greatly oppressed people. A number of the Indians have been received into membership of a regular Monthly Meeting in Kansas, while a Friends Meeting has been established under the care of our friends Asa and Emmeline Tuttle, among whom are several who have given evidence of true conversion, and as is believed, one has received a gift in the ministry of the Gospel. A daughter of this individual is now being educated at Lawrence, Kansas, intending to return and become a teacher of Indian children. We conclude to continue the concern in the care of the Committee now under appointment, (with the exception of Eliza P. Smiley, removed from our Yearly Meeting). The subject of an appropriation in aid of the Associated Executive Committee on Indian Affairs, is referred to the Committee on Finance.

COMMITTEE ON INDIAN AFFAIRS.

Henry T. Wood,
Anna G. Wood,
John F. Tucker,
William O. Newhall,
Ellen K. Buffum,
Sarah Caroline Tobey,
Susan Peckham,
Mary W. Jones,
Elizabeth H. Newhall,
Rebecca Anthony.

Martha Jay,
Eli Jepson,
Elizabeth K. Hoxie,
John J. Frye, of Portland,
Myra E. Frye,
Thomas J. Battey,
Sarah W. Goddard,
Hannah T. Jenkins,
Joseph E. Briggs,
Thomas B. Buffum,

35. The Committee appointed to serve this Meeting on behalf of the Freedmen, report as follows, viz. :

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FREEDMEN.

The Committee's Second Annual Report of the Freedmen's Normal Institute at Maryville, Tennessee.

The labors of your Committee during the past year have been directed to making the school at Maryville more attractive and useful for the Freedmen who wish to acquire an education fitting them for the various duties of life.

Arrangement was made to continue the school in the care of William P. Hastings, who has served it as Principal for the last nine years.

The School was opened in the Eighth Month last, with an enrollment of eighty-four pupils — twenty-nine more than the preceding year; and it continued to increase until it numbered at its close two hundred and eleven — eighteen less than the previous year.

As the fruits of the Maryville school, fifty-four of its former students have been teaching about twenty-five hundred pupils, making, including those taught at the Institute, about twenty-seven hundred,—costing Friends, according to the appropriation, less than forty-three cents for each one taught.

For four months of the year, commencing with the Ninth, an average of about forty-seven were engaged in teaching in the various Southern States, while during the same time last year the average but little exceeded thirty-one.

The Normal Class was little more than fifteen per cent. larger than the year before.

These encouraging features, taken in connection with the continued demand for Maryville students, lead your Committee to express a wish that the usefulness of the Institution may not be impaired for the want of pecuniary encouragement.

The unsteady attendance of the pupils in all the schools is very unfavorable to obtaining results equal to what we desire; but, in all such enterprises, patience is a virtue by which similar difficulties are lessened if not entirely overcome.

The religious interest manifested among the pupils a year ago last Spring, is seen in the improved lives they live, for which all Friends who may be interested in their religious and intellectual elevation, should be truly thankful.

The pay of the Principal was the same as last year, and is met by your appropriation of \$1150, and the balance by the Committee, \$150.

It was thought by many that to change nearly a useless building standing upon the premises to a dormitory would be an advantage to the Institution, your Committee was left at liberty to make the alteration, if it could be done without an appropriation from this Meeting.

A few hundred dollars given and promised from different sources encouraged the Committee to commence the alteration, with a view of fitting up the basement and a part, if not the whole of the first story, trusting and hoping that way might open to make the entire change. Different sums, from one dollar up to larger amounts, came in from different sources and at different times, until it was thought advisable to complete the alteration of the entire building.

The Institution, by this alteration, now has a dormitory that will accommodate ninety-two self-boarders. It is well ventilated, and covered with two coats of the best white lead paint, inside and out. It has an oak platform eight feet wide in front, running the entire length of the building, and a walk of the same material from the front door to the gate, and from there to the Institution, giving a good dry walk in the muddy part of the season, all of which, for its beauty and convenience, is a credit to the place. It will require about three hundred dollars more for furniture to make a complete outfit for all of the rooms.

The cost of the building has been,	\$2,765 42
Carpet for sitting-room,	20 00
One year's Insurance renewed,	57 00
Total amount expended,	—————\$2,842 42

To meet the cost there has been received through the hands of William P. Hastings;

From Elizabeth Farnum, Philadelphia, Pa.	100 00
English Lady, name not known,	96 10
Murray Fund,	100 00
Benjamin Tatham,	25 00
Stanley Pumphrey,	10 00
Different Friends at Glens Falls,	5 25
Woonsocket, R. I., Sabbath School,	6 00
Colored people,	30 03
	————— \$372 38

Received by one of the Committee:

From Mary S. Macomber,	\$2 00
" Hannah Griffin,	4 00
Lloyd Mifflin's estate by will,	200 00
Lincoln D. Farr, through Hannah J. Bailey, . .	5 00
Moses Sawyer,	25 00
Stanley Pumphrey and other English Friends £50,	243 00
New York Friends, through Wm. F. Mott:	
From Isaac Hall,	20 00
Isaac Hall's wife,	5 00
Wm. F. Mott,	5 00
Wm. R. Thurston,	10 00
Edward Tatum,	10 00
Wm. H. S. Wood and wife,	10 00
" " " three children,	3 00
Phebe Sampson,	5 00
Ann Sutton,	5 00
Mary C. Wood,	5 00
Maria Willetts,	5 00
Hannah M. Boadle,	5 00
Alfred Haines,	5 00
Rebecca Haviland,	4 00
Other Friends, in smaller sums,	23 05
	————— \$599 05

CONDENSED.

Received by Wm. P. Hastings,	\$372 38
Received by one of the Committee,	599 05
Given by a Friend to balance account,	1870 99
Total amount received,	—————\$2842 42

Contrary to what was expected, the school received no public money this year; we therefore recommend that this Meeting appropriate \$1300 to assist the noble enterprise in educating the colored man, that he may become a useful citizen of our beloved country.

Trusting that Friends will duly appreciate the importance of this Institution, we submit the report with that of the Principal for your consideration.

On behalf of the Committee,

BENJ. F. KNOWLES.

NEWPORT, SIXTH MONTH 15th, 1880.

This report is gratifying to the Meeting, and the unostentatious but efficient manner in which the work has been carried on, and the generous contribution by one of the Committee in aid of the cause has cheered and encouraged us. We conclude to continue the concern in the care of the Committee under appointment last year. The subject of an appropriation is referred to the Committee on Finance.

FREEDMEN'S COMMITTEE.

Benjamin F. Knowles,
Charles F. Coffin,
Moses Bailey,

Gertrude W. Cartland,
Ann Maria Coffin,
Hannah J. Bailey.

Adjourned to meet in separate sessions at 4 o'clock this afternoon.

AFTERNOON — assembled pursuant to adjournment.

36. The Representatives propose the following named Friends to constitute a Representative Meeting the ensuing year. The Friends named are satisfactory to the Meeting and are appointed accordingly.

MEMBERS OF THE REPRESENTATIVE MEETING.

Stephen Chace,
Samuel R. Buffinton,
Ellen K. Buffum,
Anna T. Dennis,
Joseph Cartland,
Owen Dame,
Gertrude W. Cartland,
Mary Alice Brown,
George Howland, Jr.,
Josiah Holmes, Jr.,
Susan T. Thompson,
Anna G. Wood,
Anna F. Hall,

Elmira B. Buffum,
Reuben T. Jones,
Moses Bailey,
Phebe P. Jones,
Hannah J. Bailey,
William O. Newhall,
Henry T. Wood,
George Douglass,
Elizabeth A. Douglass,
Charles F. Coffin,
William C. Taber,
Lemuel Jones,
Sarah F. Tobey,

Augustus F. Cox,	Rachel S. Howland,
John J. Frye.	Augustine Jones,
S. Jane Cox,	Rebecca C. Grinnell,
Richard Battey,	Thomas Harkness,
James G. Arnold,	Lydia Haight,
Ann B. Earle,	Rachel B. Nichols,
Abby S. Battey,	John F. Tucker,
Eli Jones,	Alfred H. Jones,
Thomas B. Nichols,	David K. Akin,
Hannah T. Jenkins,	J. William Jacob,
S. Narcissa Jacob,	Allen Jay.
Samuel Buffum,	Elizabeth Ann Slade,
Jacob K. Purinton,	Abigail M. Hanson,
Anna M. Hussey,	William H. Beale.

37. The Joint Committee on the subject of Temperance, have presented their Annual Report, viz. :

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON TEMPERANCE.

TO THE YEARLY MEETING OF FRIENDS FOR NEW ENGLAND :

The Committee on Temperance have attended to their appointment, having labored with increased effort to convince our members of the necessity of total abstinence from all intoxicating drinks; and while we find a constant movement in this direction, as the Committee become more familiar with the views and habits of our members, evidences continue to appear that light is needed upon this absorbing subject.

During the past year, science has given to the world indubitable evidence, that alcoholic drinks are not only useless, but injurious, in every instance, in proportion as they are indulged in. It is to establish this point, the Committee have labored; firmly convinced it is the only safe ground upon which we can stand. And we have constantly increasing evidence, that Christian nations, are moving towards such a decision, with a momentum hitherto unknown, or anticipated.

The persistent efforts of the great religious denominations, on both sides of the Atlantic, with the proposed change in the statute laws of some of the states, prohibiting the manufacture and sale of intoxicating drinks, in addition to the increasing local interest, all over the land are mile-stones on the road to total abstinence, that cannot be mistaken.

In accordance with the conclusion of the Committee in the Sixth Month last, the programme of visiting each Monthly Meeting, to labor for the promotion of this cause, has been very nearly carried out; and while we have found an increasing interest in the work, we have been more and more convinced of the necessity of spreading correct information upon this great question. The Committee feel that too much importance cannot be attached to the circulation and distribution of facts touching the dangerous habit of using alcoholic drinks in any form.

A Juvenile Sub-Committee was appointed in the Sixth Month last, to visit the Bible Schools and introduce the triple pledge. This Committee has been quite successful in its work,—more than five hundred having been reported as signing it. Both branches of the Committee have performed much more service the past year than heretofore; over one hundred meetings being the result of their efforts. Many have been induced to abandon their drinking habits, to sign the pledge, and souls have been brought to Christ, through the instrumentality of this Committee.

The increasing call for Temperance literature, and interest manifested in the work, is cause for much thankfulness, and ominous of a rich harvest of blessings that must eventually follow.

We would urge the necessity of united effort in this work; of moving forward, confident that victory will yet crown our labors, and we shall have the blessings of those who are ready to perish, as our reward.

We advise the appointment of a new Committee for the coming year, and that two hundred dollars be appropriated for their use.

On behalf of the Committee,

JAMES P. BOYCE,

HARRIETTE D. COLLINS.

NEWPORT, SIXTH MONTH 15TH, 1880.

This report is adopted, and very satisfactory to the Meeting, and at the suggestion of the Committee now under appointment, we appoint James P. Boyce, Obadiah Chace, John J. Frye and Augustus F. Cox, a Committee to unite with a similar Committee of Women Friends, to nominate a Committee to whom this important subject may be intrusted the coming year. The subject of an appropriation is referred to the Committee on Finance.

38. The Committee to promote Scriptural Instruction in First-day Schools, made the following report, viz. :

REPORT OF BIBLE SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

TO THE YEARLY MEETING :

We feel that we have cause for thankfulness to our Father in Heaven, that we are again permitted to present to you our Annual Report.

Early in the year a Committee was appointed to visit our Bible Schools, as way might open for such service, and many have been visited, and Bible readings given, and marked results of an encouraging character have followed. A few jewels have been gathered for the Master's crown, while many of His dear children have learned to love the blessed Bible better, as they have searched prayerfully to know more perfectly the way of life as revealed through the inspiration of the Holy Spirit in the written word of God.

The subject of Libraries has claimed our earnest attention; and a Committee was appointed to examine into the character of the books contained

in them, and to see that the literature placed before our children is such as will tend to elevate their minds, both morally and spiritually.

We are glad to report an increased interest among our older members in our Bible Schools, as their presence in them helps to strengthen and encourage the younger.

About the first of the Fifth Month, postal cards were mailed to each Superintendent or Corresponding Secretary, numbering sixty five, with questions to be answered descriptive of the school, from which the following information was gained.

The entire membership, as reported from forty-six schools, is . . .	2029
Average attendance,	1368
Number of Friends,	1069
Number of volumes in Libraries,	9464
Number who have signed the triple pledge,	382

One school reports that all its members have signed, and two schools all but two.

Twenty-seven schools report the study of the Bible increasing, while some make no report, and a few reply in the negative.

Seven or eight report holding Teachers' Meetings, and thirty-nine continue the School all the year.

Lesson sheets are used in nearly all Schools, and the suggestion comes from some, that they should be prepared by Friends.

May we all feel the responsibility resting upon us in this important work, and endeavor to instill into the minds of the young the truths of the Gospel, and though we may not see the fruit of our labors at once, let us not be discouraged, but "Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the spirit," that all may be gathered into the fold of the Good Shepherd.

We recommend the appointment of a new committee to have the oversight of this very interesting and important subject, and that the sum of one hundred and fifty dollars be appropriated for its use.

On behalf of the Committee.

GEORGE H. FARR.

MARY J. ROGERS.

NEWPORT, SIXTH MONTH 15TH, 1880.

The report is satisfactory and is adopted, and we conclude to appoint our Friends Charles W. Goddard, George H. Farr, John J. Frye, William P. Macomber, Isaac Winslow, Olney T. Meader, John F. Chase and Abel C. Munroe, to unite with a similar Committee of Women Friends to propose the names of Friends to constitute a Committee on Scriptural Instruction the ensuing year. The subject of an appropriation as called for is referred to the Committee on Finance.

39. The Committee appointed last year to consider the formation

of an American Friends Mission Board and report their judgment thereon at this Meeting, present the following report, viz. :

REPORT OF AMERICAN FRIENDS MISSION BOARD.

TO THE YEARLY MEETING :

The Committee appointed last year to consider the proposition of our friend Stanley Pumphrey, of England, for the formation of an American Board of Friends Home and Foreign Missions, have given careful attention to the subject. Two members of our Committee attended the Conference of Yearly Meetings held at Indianapolis, in Twelfth Month last, to consider this proposition.

Our delegates to that Conference have met with us at this time, and given us an interesting account of the proceedings. They also presented a Constitution prepared by the Conference, which we present to the Yearly Meeting with this Report.

While we feel impressed with the importance of this subject, and believe that it may be highly advantageous to some of the Yearly Meetings to unite in such an organization, it does not seem best to us to recommend that this Yearly Meeting adopt the Constitution at this time. We hope the subject will continue to receive the prayerful consideration of Friends, and would propose that the subject be continued under the care of a Committee another year.

On behalf of the Committee.

ELI JONES,
REBECCA H. SMILEY.

NEWPORT. SIXTH MONTH 16TH, 1880.

The report having been read is satisfactory to this Meeting, and we conclude to continue the Committee now under appointment, (with the exception of Albert K. Smiley, removed from this Yearly Meeting,) who are requested to give the subject their careful consideration and report to this Meeting next year.

COMMITTEE ON HOME AND FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Eli Jones,
Henry T. Wood,
Allen Jay,
James Dennis,
Wm. C. Taber,
Matthew Howland,
Wm. O. Newhall,
Josiah Holmes, Jr.,
Moses Bailey,
Joseph H. Pratt,
Joseph E. Briggs,
Ellen K. Buffum,

Wm. H. Beale,
Rachel S. Howland,
Rebecca H. Smiley,
Anna T. Dennis,
Anna G. Wood,
Ann Maria Coffin,
Margaret B. Cates,
Hannah B. Sawyer,
Gulielma Freeborn,
Anna M. Hussey,
Harriette D. Collins,
Elizabeth P. Nichols.

40. The Committee appointed last year, in reference to the few members of our Society residing in the British Provinces, made the following report, viz. :

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FRIENDS IN BRITISH PROVINCES.

TO THE YEARLY MEETING:

The Committee to whom was referred the care of the members of our Society residing in the British Provinces report :

The Contributions taken up in the Yearly Meeting last year amounting to about \$82, was at once forwarded through China Monthly Meeting for the immediate relief of one family then residing at Cape Breton.

At the first meeting of our Committee last year, it was decided that it was best to remove the above-mentioned family to China, Maine, and this was accomplished in the Autumn.

The \$100 appropriated by the Yearly Meeting for the use of the Committee has been expended upon this family; \$70 was required for their removal, and the remainder in supplying their needs afterwards. A Friend interested in them has also sent money at different times, as needed for their support, amounting in all to \$90.

There are thirty members of our Society still residing in the Provinces, twenty-six of whom are at Pictou.

The Committee still feel that these distant members ought to be visited, but way has not opened this year to do it.

We recommend that a Committee be appointed to extend further care to these Friends, and that \$200 be appropriated for the use of this Committee.

On behalf of the Committee.

REBECCA H. SMILEY.

NEWPORT, SIXTH MONTH 16TH, 1880.

The report is satisfactory to the Meeting, and we conclude to continue the Committee to extend such care towards these distant members as way may open. The subject of an appropriation is referred to the Committee on Finance.

COMMITTEE ON FRIENDS IN THE BRITISH PROVINCES.

Josiah Holmes, Jr.,
Benjamin F. Knowles,
George Richardson,
Eli Jones,

Sarah A. Holmes,
Sarah M. Richardson,
Rebecca H. Smiley,
Rachel S. Howland.

41. The Joint Committee, under appointment to disburse the income arising from the Mosher Fund, presented the following report, viz. :

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON INCOME OF MOSHER FUND.

TO THE YEARLY MEETING:

The Joint Committee appointed to receive the income under the trust created by the will of Henry H. Mosher, and apply the sum, as directed, to "the purpose of printing and circulating books and tracts inculcating and developing the principles of the Christian religion as preached and promulgated by the early Friends," report as follows:

The contract alluded to last year as having been made in England for printing a small edition of the Memorials of John Ford, has after considerable delay been concluded, and 500 copies of that work have been received, and are mostly distributed. Nearly 300 copies of the second series of Annals of Early Friends have been purchased and circulated during the year. A number of smaller books and tracts have also been bought and distributed.

A small appropriation in aid of the Mexican Mission was made during the year, in their effort to print and circulate religious reading in the Spanish language, in that interesting field.

The following is a statement of Receipts and Expenditures:

RECEIPTS.

Balance on hand as reported last year,	\$330 31
Received of Chas. F. Coffin, in behalf of Trustees, . . .	250 00
Received for 100 copies of "John Ford,"	49 00
Received interest on deposits,	8 38
	————— \$637 69

EXPENSES.

Paid on behalf of Mexican Missions, in connection with Committee of New York Yearly Meeting,	\$18 67
Paid for 280 copies of Annals of Early Friends and exp. .	82 93
Paid for 600 copies of Memorials of John Ford and expense	293 80
Philadelphia Association of Friends for books,	17 55
Express for forwarding,	5 97
Balance in hands of Committee Sixth Month 15th, 1880, .	218 77
	————— \$637 69

On behalf of the Committee.

SAMUEL R. BUFFINTON,
REBECCA H. SMILEY.

NEWPORT, SIXTH MONTH 15TH, 1880.

The report is satisfactory to the Meeting, and the same Committee is continued for further service another year.

COMMITTEE ON THE INTEREST OF THE MOSHER FUND.

Henry T. Wood,	Rebecca H. Smiley,
Samuel R. Buffinton,	Gertrude W. Cartland,
J. Ellwood Paige,	Harriet N. Jones.

42. The Trustees of the Mosher Fund have presented the following account of the present investment and condition of the Fund, viz. :

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF THE MOSHER FUND.

TO THE YEARLY MEETING :

The receipts of the past year have been :

Balance from previous year,	\$22 11
From Boston City Bond,	500 00
From New Bedford Institution for Savings,	20 88
Total Income,	———— \$542 99

The payments for the same time have been :

To the Yearly Meeting Book Committee,	\$250 00
To one-fifth of income added to the principal,	104 18
Balance in the hands of the Trustees,	188 81
Total expenditure,	———— \$542 99

The investment of the Funds is in

City of Boston Registered Bond, 5 per cent.	\$10,000 00
Deposit in New Bedford Institution for Savings,	541 18
Total investment,	————— \$10,541 18

C. F. COFFIN, for the Trustees.

LYNN, SIXTH MONTH 11TH, 1880.

43. The Committee appointed to nominate a Committee on Temperance, presented the following named Friends, to which the Meeting concludes to add the name of Augustus F. Cox. The report thus amended is adopted and the nomination approved, and they are accordingly appointed to that service the ensuing year.

COMMITTEE ON TEMPERANCE.

Harriette D. Collins,	Elizabeth P. Nichols,
Ellen K. Buffum,	Joseph M. Hanson,
James R. Collins,	Alice Parinton,
Charles A. Chace,	Lydia E. Sawyer,
John F. Chase,	Samuel Buffum,
Elizabeth H. Valentine,	James S. Read,
Mary Almy Chase,	Abigail Wheeler,
Lemuel A. Jones,	Abby S. Battey,
John F. Tucker,	D. Wheeler Swift,
Wm. P. Macomber,	J. William Jacob,
Phebe B. Slocum,	Frank E. Jones,
Hannah S. Wing,	Lydia E. Frye,

Augustus F. Cox,
 Esther Osborn,
 Charles W. Goddard,
 S. Jane Cox,
 Edward S. Hacker,

Hannah T. Jenkins,
 Isaac Warren Hawkes,
 David Douglas,
 Harriet N. Jones,
 Emeline Meyers.

44. The Friends appointed to nominate a Committee on Scriptural Instruction in First-day Schools, report the following, which is approved, and the Friends named are appointed to that service the ensuing year.

COMMITTEE ON BIBLE SCHOOLS.

Wm. T. Collins,
 Charles H. Thorndike,
 John F. Tucker,
 Charles W. Goddard,
 John J. Frye,
 Albert C. Hill,
 Thomas B. Wheeler,
 George H. Farr,
 Isaac Warren Hawkes,
 Timothy B. Hussey,
 Frank E. Jones,

Harriette D. Collins,
 Mary J. Rogers,
 Rebecca H. Smiley,
 Elizabeth P. Nichols,
 Sarah E. Buffinton,
 Salome C. Wheeler,
 Margaret B. Cates,
 Lydia E. Sawyer,
 Mary G. Winslow,
 Harriet N. Jones,
 S. Jane Cox,

Ruth S. Murray.

Adjourned to 3 o'clock to-morrow afternoon.

FIFTH-DAY AFTERNOON, THE 17TH.

The Meeting assembled according to adjournment.

45. The Committee appointed to examine and settle the Treasurer's accounts, etc., report, viz. :

REPORT OF AUDITING COMMITTEE.

TO THE YEARLY MEETING :

The Committee to audit and settle the Treasurer's accounts, etc., have attended to their appointment, and report as follows, viz :

TREASURER'S GENERAL ACCOUNT.

RECEIPTS.

Balance from last year,	\$2,395 91
Refunded by Indian Committee,	1 74
From the several Quarterly Meetings,*	3,943 00
From Eagle Bank, Providence, dividends,	80 00
From the sale of Books of Discipline,	6 00
From Loan by New Bedford Institution for Savings,	1,500 00
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	\$7,926 65

* Due from Vassalboro Quarterly Meeting, \$57.00.

PAYMENTS.

A. F. Cox, Yearly Meeting expenses at Portland, .	\$494 01	
Associated Executive Indian Committee,	340 00	
Committee on Bible Schools,	100 00	
Committee on Foreign Missions,	750 00	
Committee on Freedmen,	1,150 00	
Committee on North Carolina Mission,	400 00	
Committee on Temperance,	150 00	
Committee to visit Friends in the British Provinces, .	100 00	
Printing,	324 80	
Recording, etc.,	79 37	
Insurance,	30 75	
Loan, to New Bedford Institution for Savings, . . .	1,500 00	
Interest,	35 30	
Balance now in Treasurer's hands,	2,472 42	
	<u> </u>	\$7,926 65'

TREASURER'S ACCOUNT WITH THE BOSTON MEETING-HOUSE FUND.

Balance from last year,	\$100 00	
Interest on bonds,	450 00	
	<u> </u>	\$550 00
Paid for rent of Wesleyan Hall, Boston,	\$350 00	
Balance now in Treasurer's hands,	200 00	
	<u> </u>	\$550 00

We find the expenditures properly vouched for.

We recommend that the sum of four thousand dollars (\$4,000) be raised for the use of the Meeting the ensuing year, and we nominate George Howland, Jr., for Treasurer of the Yearly Meeting, and Thomas Harkness for Treasurer of the Boarding-School Fund.

For the Committee.

OWEN DAME.

NEWPORT, SIXTH MONTH 17TH, 1880.

The report is accepted by the Meeting, and we conclude to raise the sum of four thousand dollars for the use of the Meeting the ensuing year, and George Howland, Jr., is appointed Treasurer; and Thomas Harkness is appointed Treasurer of the Boarding School Fund. Our several Quarterly Meetings are directed to pay to our Treasurer their respective proportions of the sum proposed.

46. The Committee on Finance report as follows, viz.:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

TO THE YEARLY MEETING;

We have carefully considered the various applications for appropriations, and recommend the following, viz.;

For Associated Executive Committee, Western In-	
dians,	\$425 00
Bible Schools,	100 00
Foreign Missions,	750 00
Freedmen,	1,300 00
North Carolina Mission,	400 00
Temperance,	150 00
Aid to Friends in British Provinces,	100 00
	<hr/> \$3,225 00
For the Committee.	
OWEN DAME.	

NEWPORT, SIXTH MONTH 16TH, 1880.

The Report is accepted and adopted, and the several Committees, for whom the above appropriations are made, are at liberty to call upon the Treasurer of this Meeting, for such sums as they may need in the prosecution of their various concerns, not exceeding the amount appropriated to each.

STANDING COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

Rhode Island—Samuel R Buffinton.	Smithfield—Richard Battey.
Salem—Owen Dame.	Vassalboro—Charles B. Cates.
Sandwich—George Howland, Jr.	Dover—Jacob K. Purinton.
Falmouth—Augustus F. Cox.	Fairfield—Levi Jones.

47. The Committee on the subject of Peace, have presented their Annual Report, viz. :

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PEACE.

TO THE YEARLY MEETING :

The joint Committee on the subject of Universal Peace, report, that while very little of a public nature has been attempted in furtherance of the cause during the past year, we have not been unmindful of the trust committed to us.

One public meeting was held at Windham, Maine, under the auspices of the Quarterly Meeting's Committee on Peace, and the interest awakened upon the subject was supplemented by the circulation of tracts and books inculcating peace principles, and, as way has opened for it in different neighborhoods, this kind of reading has been circulated.

Notwithstanding the discouragements which so often attend the patient laborer in this important, though often unpopular field, the cheering fact remains, that no ear is so readily gained, no understanding is so often convinced, as that of the thoughtful, the reflective, and the intelligent,—the mind which, after all, goes farthest to mould the solid, the abiding, and the conscientious sentiment of the community.

The day is coming—and in this we may find encouragement—that the

Prince of Peace shall be crowned the victor in this holy warfare. Happy will it be with us if we, as faithful soldiers in the ranks, have hastened the conquest, and shall then be privileged to swell the shout of triumph.

The sum of \$38.88 remains in the hands of the Committee for this cause.

On behalf of the Committee.

ELI JONES,

RACHEL S. HOWLAND.

NEWPORT, SIXTH MONTH 17TH, 1880.

The Report is satisfactory and accepted by the Meeting. The Committee, now under appointment is continued on this very important concern of the Yearly Meeting, and we desire their encouragement.

COMMITTEE ON PEACE.

Eli Jones,
Timothy B. Hussey,
Charles C. Varney,
Samuel R. Buffinton,
George Richardson,
Henry T. Wood,
J. William Jacob.

Susan T. Thompson,
Gertrude W. Cartland,
S. Narcissa Jacob,
Rachel S. Howland,
Abby S. Battey,
Joseph H. Atwater,
George Hussey Gifford.

48. The Committee appointed at a previous session, in reference to the request from Salem Monthly Meeting, referred to this Meeting from the Representative Meeting, presented the following Report, viz. :

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON REQUEST OF SALEM MONTHLY MEETING.

TO THE YEARLY MEETING:

Your Committee to take into consideration the proposition from Salem Monthly Meeting presented to this through the Representative Meeting, make the following report, with which all present are united :

A Minute, simply of sojourn, is merely an introduction to the Meeting to which it is addressed, and entitles the person presenting it to the courtesies due a visitor, but confers none of the rights of membership.

On behalf of the Committee.

BENJ. F. KNOWLES.

The Report is satisfactory and adopted by this Meeting, Women Friends concurring.

49. Epistles to the Yearly Meetings of London, Ireland, New York, Baltimore, North Carolina, Ohio, Indiana, Western, Iowa, Canada, and Kansas, and a joint Epistle to the Monthly Meeting of Friends

of Brumana, Mt. Lebanon, have been read and approved, and the Clerk is directed to sign them on behalf of this Meeting, and cause them to be countersigned by one of our correspondents, and forwarded to those Meetings, respectively.

50. The Committee now under appointment, is directed to make all the necessary arrangements for holding religious meetings during the sessions of our next Yearly Meeting, as way may open ; also, to propose times and places for the various Committees to meet, who now are or may then be under appointment, viz. :

COMMITTEE OF ARRANGEMENTS :

Eli Jones,
Samuel R. Buffinton,
Henry T. Wood,

Augustus F. Cox,
Jacob K. Purinton,
George Douglas.

51. The following returning Minute on behalf of our friend William A. Symmes, has been read and approved, and similar ones for our friends Deborah C. Thomas, William P. Hastings, Joseph Stanley, David B. Updegraff, Elizabeth L. Comstock, John Carey, John P. Pennington, Luke Woodard and John Henry Douglas, viz. : Our beloved friend William A. Symmes, acceptably attended this Meeting. His company and religious services have been acceptable to us.

52. The following returning Minute on behalf of our friend Margaret H. White, and a similar one for Elvira T. Woodard, has been read and approved, viz. : Our beloved friend Margaret H. White acceptably attended this Meeting.

53. This and the Women's Yearly Meeting conclude to have the Minutes of both Meetings printed ; and the Clerks are directed to cause an edition of two thousand copies to be printed and sent down to our Quarterly Meetings, in their usual proportions, and Owen Dame is appointed to advise with them in the accomplishment of the work.

54. Having been favored to transact the various important concerns of the Church that have come before us, in harmony and love, and desiring, with humble thankfulness, to commemorate the continued care and tender mercy of the Lord Jesus Christ, our Holy Head, in that he has been pleased, as we reverently believe, to own us

from sitting to sitting during the whole course of this Yearly Meeting, we now solemnly conclude, proposing to meet again at Portland, Maine, at the usual time next year, if the Lord permit.

Signed on behalf of the Meeting.

WILLIAM O. NEWHALL, Clerk.

NOTE.—The Correspondents of New England Yearly Meeting are :

GEORGE HOWLAND, JR., New Bedford, Mass.

JOSEPH CARTLAND, Newburyport, Mass.

MOSES BAILEY, Winthrop, Maine.

MINUTES

OF THE

NEW ENGLAND YEARLY MEETING

OF

WOMEN FRIENDS.

1880.

MINUTES.

At the Yearly Meeting of Women Friends for New England, held at Newport, R. I., by adjournment from Sixth Month 12th, to the 17th of the same, inclusive, 1880.

By Reports received from our Quarterly Meetings, it appears that the following Friends have been appointed representatives to this Meeting, viz. : From

RHODE ISLAND. — Sarah F. Tobey, Anna T. Dennis, Huldah M. Beede, Sarah Slade, Lydia P. Macomber, Elizabeth H. Potter, Phebe R. Gifford, Harriette D. Collins, Harriet A. Chace, Ellen K. Buffum, Gulielma Freeborn, Electa J. Collins, Mary Alice Gifford, Cynthia Bowen, Susan Mott and Esther Chace.

SALEM. — Mercy S. Davis, Abigail M. Hanson, Abigail C. Beede, Mary J. Rogers, Mary J. Paige, Abby W. Pratt, Lydia C. Neal, Mary B. Swan, Cynthia W. Huntington, Phebe H. Buxton, Beulah W. Rogers, Rebecca P. Breed, Mary A. Chase and Hannah E. V. Ware.

SANDWICH. — Rachel S. Howland, Phebe B. Slocum, Rhoda Ann Tripp, Anna G. Wood, Sarah A. Holmes, Azubah Cannon, Susan S. Tripp, Charity G. Chace, Hannah S. Wing, Hannah R. Gifford, Ruth S. Murray, Angeline S. Gidley, Elizabeth Ann Slade and Rebecca C. Grinnell.

FALMOUTH. — S. Jane Cox, Elizabeth A. Douglass, Elmira S. Hanson, Jane C. Minot, Lydia A. Cartland, Mary C. Hawkes, Phebe L. Pope, Esther Jones and Phebe H. Frye.

SMITHFIELD. — Abby S. Battey, Caroline C. Earle, Salome C. Wheeler, Sarah J. Wheeler, Melissa A. Clark, Maria Aldrich, Dorcas H. Aldrich and Adeline L. Farnum.

VASSALBORO. — No Report.

DOVER. — Hannah G. Sawyer, Anna M. Hussey, Huldah S. Buffum, Gulielma M. Purinton, Maria Purinton, L. Helen Dennis, Jane H. V. Durgin, Hannah T. Pratt and Lucinda Pinkham.

FAIRFIELD. — Sarah M. Richardson, Phebe P. Jones, Emeline C. Myers, Harriet N. Jones, Hannah J. Bailey, Christina Butterfield, Mary G. Winslow and Sarah V. Winslow.

Accounts have been received from each of the Quarterly Meetings except Vassalboro; on calling the names of the representatives from the other Quarterly Meeting, they were present except nine, for the absence of five of whom sufficient reasons were assigned.

We have at this time the acceptable company of our beloved friend Sarah B. Satterthwaite, a minister from England, who has presented a certificate of unity from Holm Monthly Meeting, endorsed by the Quarterly Meeting of Cumberland and Northumberland. Also a Minute from the Meeting of Ministry and Oversight of London Yearly Meeting, dated the 17th and 18th of Fifth Month, 1880.

Our beloved friend, Mary White, a minister, companion to her cousin Sarah B. Satterthwaite, with a Minute from Edinburgh Two-Months' Meeting, Scotland, indorsed by the General Meeting for Scotland, held at Edinburgh, is also acceptably with us.

We have also at this time the acceptable company of our beloved friends, Deborah C. Thomas and Elizabeth L. Comstock, ministers. The former has presented certificates from Baltimore Monthly and Quarterly Meetings; the latter a Minute of unity and concurrence from the Missionary Board of Ohio Yearly Meeting.

Our beloved friend Margaret H. White, of Baltimore, companion to our friend Deborah C. Thomas, and Elvira T. Woodard, companion to her husband, Luke Woodard, are also acceptably in attendance, and have presented Minutes from their respective Meetings, expressive of unity with them as elders, and with their present religious engagements.

The presence of our dear friends from London Yearly Meeting, with others from different parts of our own land, who have come amongst us in the love of the Gospel, has animated our hearts, and

awakened an earnest desire that the seed sown, (it may be at times in weakness and fear), may be greatly blessed, and falling into prepared ground, bring forth much fruit to the Master's praise.

A proposition from Sandwich Quarterly Meeting was introduced, that the time of holding their Meeting in the Seventh Month be changed from the first Fifth-day, to the second Fifth-day of the same month, to commence at 10½ o'clock. The Meeting of ministers and elders to begin at 3 o'clock the day previous. We unite with the Men's Meeting in approving the change proposed, which is to take effect next year.

Epistles from our dear sisters of the Yearly Meetings of London and Ireland were read at this time, and their affectionate salutation was felt to be cheering and encouraging to us.

We unite with the Men's Meeting in the appointment of a Joint Committee, to which shall be referred the subject of returning Minutes, for Friends now in attendance of this Meeting with certificates. Our friends Anna T. Dennis, Sarah F. Tobey, Susan T. Thompson, Rebecca C. Grinnell Abigail M. Hanson, Ruth S. Murray and Rachel S. Howland, are appointed to that service on the part of this Meeting.

As we gathered this morning in our annual assembly, we have felt the blessed presence of our Holy Head, to be our covering, the spirit of prayer and supplication was poured out upon us, while praise and thanksgiving ascended unto Him, who in love and mercy had watched over us during the past year, and had brought us again together, we trust in His name.

Adjourned to the hour Men Friends may meet this afternoon.

AFTERNOON.—Met according to adjournment.

Sarah F. Tobey, on behalf of the representatives, informed that they were united in proposing the appointment of Anna G. Wood for Clerk, and Margaret B. Cates for Assistant Clerk, which nominations being approved by this Meeting, they are appointed to those services for the ensuing year.

Epistles from our dear sisters of New York, Baltimore, North Carolina, Ohio, Indiana, Iowa, Western, Kansas, and Canada Yearly Meetings, and a similar token from the little Monthly Meeting of Women Friends at Brumana, on Mt. Lebanon, have

been read at this time. We are encouraged by these evidences of Christian fellowship, and have appointed the following Friends to prepare and present to a future sitting essays of reply to these, and for other Yearly Meetings with which we correspond.

COMMITTEE ON CORRESPONDENCE.

Rachel S. Howland,	Mary A. Chase,
Ruth S. Murray,	Gulielma Freeborn,
Sarah F. Tobey,	Mercy S. Davis,
Charlotte D. Holmes,	Susan T. Thompson,
Harriette D. Collins,	Sarah E. Buffinton,
Rebecca C. Grinnell,	Adeline L. Farnum,
Hannah S. Wing,	Lucretia G. Chace,
Elizabeth C. Wing,	Martha Jay,
Eliza B. Boyce,	Hannah J. Bailey,
Harriet N. Jones,	Sarah M. Richardson,
Rebecca S. Howland,	Elizabeth S. Newton,
Lizzie A. Gifford,	Peace Jones,
Phebe B. Slocum,	Ann Maria Coffin,
Ellen K. Buffum,	Abigail M. Hanson,
Charity G. Chace,	Susan Peckham,
Esther Jones,	Sarah A. Holmes,
Mary J. Paige,	Hannah B. Sawyer,

Rebecca H. Smiley.

Certificates of unity and concurrence, from their respective meetings on behalf of the following ministers, who are in attendance of this Yearly Meeting, have been read at this session, viz. ; for William A. Symmes, of New York Yearly Meeting, William P. Hastings, of North Carolina, Joseph Stanley and David B. Updegraff, from Ohio, Luke Woodard, John Carey, John P. Pennington, and John Henry Douglas, from Indiana. We welcome these dear friends as the servants of Christ, and accept their visit as a token for good.

We appoint Lydia E. Sawyer, Anna T. Dennis, Phebe R. Gifford, Caroline C. Earle, Abby W. Pratt, Margaret B. Cates, Lydia B. Dillingham, Sarah A. Holmes and Sarah M. Richardson, to prepare a Summary from the Answers to the Queries, to present at a future sitting.

Adjourned to Second-day morning next, at 10 o'clock.

SECOND-DAY MORNING THE 14TH.—Met according to adjournment.

The Committee having the care of the Boarding School at Providence, have presented their Annual Report, (See p. 7,) which having been read and considered, we unite with the Men's Meeting in its acceptance, and also in adopting the recommendations of the Committee with regard to the terms of tuition. We also concur with the Men's Meeting in the reappointment of the same Committee to take the care and oversight of the Institution for the coming year.

The Account from Smithfield Quarterly Meeting contained a proposition that the time of holding the Quarterly Meeting of Ministers and Elders in the Eighth Month, be changed from 5 o'clock, P. M. to 3 o'clock, P. M. of the same day. The change is approved in concurrence with the Men's Meeting.

The Meeting now entered upon a consideration of the state of Society as presented by the Answers to the Queries from our several Quarterly Meetings, proceeding therein through the First.

Adjourned to 4 o'clock this afternoon.

AFTERNOON — met pursuant to adjournment.

The remaining Queries and Answers have been read with a Summary prepared by the Committee.

The privilege as well as duty of assembling together to worship our Creator, was forcibly dwelt upon. The Lord is always ready to meet with His people, and we should remember that thus we are to manifest our allegiance to Him and our dependence upon Him. And not only for the First-day gatherings, but in our Mid-week Meetings is a blessing in store.

Wearied with the busy whirl of life, it is indeed a privilege to enter into the presence chamber of our King, and to listen to His teachings. The hour of blessed communion with our loving Lord, and with one another, will be a season of refreshing to the humble, waiting child, whose soul will be strengthened for further service, and whose spirit will be comforted by His precious promises. The number gathered may be small, the discouragements many, but those who thus wait upon the Lord, will find their strength renewed, and with fresh confidence in His power, they will again assume the cares of life. Some who have recently joined our Society gave touching testimonies to the value of these meetings, so that now, they know not how they could do without them.

The Church's record of our condition does not always reveal what God sees in us. Great searchings of heart are called for and the cry should arise, "Cleanse Thou me from secret faults," for only those who are thus cleansed can abide in the tabernacle of the Lord. Precious is the thought, that the blood of Jesus Christ cleanseth from all sin. May we all avail ourselves of its efficacy, that all self love and self seeking being purged away, we may indeed walk in newness of life.

Loving counsel and encouragement were given to the young mothers, who, feeling the cares and responsibilities laid upon them, are disposed to cry, "Who is sufficient for these things?" Help is laid on One who is mighty, and He who of old, said, "Suffer the little children to come unto me," is still ready to open His loving arms and speak the words of blessing. In very early infancy, children may have the right bias given them, the fire may be kindled which will blaze in sorrow and anguish, or the spark may be lighted into a pure flame of devotion. Gather the little ones about you, and kneeling with them, let them know that you are talking with God, and seeking His blessing. Go to the mercy seat with the wayward child and pray that his heart may be touched, and though the answer may be long delayed, though the mother may pass away from the earth without seeing the desire of her heart, yet the answer will surely come. The habit of confidence between mothers and children should be fostered and cherished. Dear sisters, the little ones in your arms depend actually upon you, do not throw away the key of their hearts in the hurry of your work. Keep them close to you, and be always ready to respond to their appeals, lest the day come, when you desire but in vain to regain your hold upon them. "Jesus" and "mother," were the only two words that could arrest the attention of an old man of 96 years, just passing into the other world. Let those be the dearest names to your children, and as they grow in years, they will surely be a comfort to you.

What a blessing to be the friends of the Lord Jesus! Are we really so, dear sisters? He himself tells us, "Ye are my friends, if ye do whatsoever I command you." His commandments are not grievous, and with them the ability to perform is always given.

"Come ye out and be separate," He says to us. Have we come out from the world, received the pardon of our sins, and

laying self upon His altar, have we sought and received the baptism of the Holy Ghost?

Another command is, "Search the Scriptures," not only to read them in our families, but search them with prayer, that our eyes may be opened to see wondrous things out of His law.

We may thus be enabled to give a reason for the hope that is in us. In this day, when infidelity is making such havoc in our land, it behooves us to be very diligent in our study of the written word, that as our Lord repelled the assaults of Satan with Scripture, we may boldly say, "Thus saith the Lord," when our religion is attacked. Let the children see that we believe in the Bible as the revealed will of God, and teach them the precious truths it contains, and in after life these early teachings may, under His blessing, be as a bulwark against which the specious darts of skepticism will harmlessly fall.

In view of the various avenues of usefulness opening before us, and the shortness of the time for service, we feel the call is again renewed, "Enter into my vineyard and labor." May we all be earnest in the occupancy of the gifts bestowed upon us, looking unto Jesus for power and ability to carry on the work He gives to each of us to do, remembering, that "the night cometh, wherein no man can work."

SUMMARY OF THE ANSWERS RECEIVED.

ANS. 1. All our Meetings for religious worship and discipline have been regularly held, except a few small Meetings for worship, and one for discipline omitted on account of sickness and inclement weather, and one small Meeting has been discontinued a part of the year. Those on First-days are usually attended by most of our members, while a remissness is still apparent in the attendance of our mid-week Meetings, on account of which some care has been taken. The hour is nearly observed. Mostly clear of unbecoming behavior when assembled.

ANS. 2. Love and unity are maintained with few exceptions, and we trust detraction is guarded against by most Friends. When differences arise endeavors are used to end them speedily.

ANS. 3. We believe most Friends are careful to maintain a religious life and conversation, and these endeavor, by precept and example, to train up those under their care in accordance with our Christian profession yet a more earnest concern in these respects is desirable.

ANS. 4. We believe Friends with few exceptions, frequently read the Holy Scriptures individually as well as collectively in their families, encouraging their children and others in the daily practice of this religious

duty. We think our testimony to a free Gospel Ministry is generally maintained.

ANS. 5. We believe most Friends abstain from the use of intoxicating liquors as a beverage. They are mostly careful to avoid amusements inconsistent with a Christian profession, and to observe true moderation in all things.

ANS. 6. The necessities of the poor are relieved, and their children receive the benefits of education.

ANS. 7. Friends faithfully maintain our testimony in regard to military matters, and defrauding the public revenue. Clear in regard to oaths.

ANS. 8. Clear as far as appears, with little exception.

ANS. 9. Clear as to records. A few removals without certificates, some of which are under notice.

ANS. 10. We believe the discipline has been administered in Christian tenderness, though not always as timely as would be best. Friends endeavor to place judgment when it appears necessary in the authority of Truth and according to discipline.

The following statistical information has been received from our several Quarterly Meetings, viz. :—(See p. 12.)

The following changes have occurred in our several Quarterly Meetings, during the past year, as reported in their accounts to this Meeting, viz. :—(See p. 4.)

A proposition from Vassalboro Quarter, that our next Yearly Meeting should be held at Portland, was now read, and the subject was thus introduced to the Meeting. After deliberate consideration and a free expression of judgment by Friends from different parts, it was concluded in much condescension and harmony to unite with this proposal in concurrence with the Men's Meeting.

We adjourned to meet in joint session to-morrow morning at 10 o'clock.

For business transacted in Joint Sessions—(See pp. 17-34.)

FOURTH-DAY AFTERNOON.—The Meeting assembled according to adjournment. Essays of Epistles to our dear sisters of Dublin, Iowa and London Yearly Meetings have been read.

The Committee on the subject of Temperance have presented their Report.—(See p. 35.)

The labors of the Committee are acceptable and satisfactory to us, and at their suggestion we appoint the following named Friends a Committee in concurrence, to propose, at this session, the names of Friends to constitute a Committee on the sub-

ject of Temperance for the ensuing year, viz. :—Harriette D. Collins, Emeline C. Meyers and Rebecca H. Smiley. Subsequently they presented names for the Committee, which were acceptable, and they are appointed accordingly. (See p. 41.)

The Committee to promote Scriptural Instruction in Bible Schools, presented a Report.—(See p. 36.)

The Report is satisfactory to the Meeting, as showing the care and interest of the Committee in this important concern. We appoint S. Jane Cox, Mary G. Winslow, Electa J. Collins, Zylpha J. Shepherd, and Lydia E. Sawyer, to unite with a Committee from the Men's Meeting, to propose the names of Friends to constitute a Committee on this interesting subject for the ensuing year. The Committee subsequently presented the names of Friends to constitute the Joint Committee on Bible Instruction.—(See p. 42.)

The Committee appointed last year to consider and report to this Meeting, the propriety of forming, in connection with other Yearly Meetings, an American Board of Home and Foreign Missions, now laid before the Meeting their Report. They also produced the Articles of Constitution prepared by the Conference of Friends upon this subject, held at Indianapolis.

The Report is acceptable to the Meeting, and we unite with the Men's Meeting in again referring this interesting subject to the same Committee for further consideration, and they are requested to report their judgment in the case to our next Yearly Meeting.—(See p. 38, for the Report and the names of the Committee.)

The Joint Committee under appointment to disburse the income arising from the Mosher Fund, present their Report, viz. :—(See p. 39.)

The Report is satisfactory to the Meeting, and the same Committee is reappointed to that service for another year, viz. :—(See p. 40.)

The Committee appointed last year to extend care and counsel to the members of our Society residing in the British Provinces, have presented a Report at this time.—(See p. 39.)

Their care and labor is satisfactory to us, and we again refer the subject to this Committee, who are requested to do what lies in their power for the assistance and counsel of these isolated members.

The request of the Committee for an appropriation in this case is referred to the Committee on Finance.

Adjourned to meet at 3 o'clock to-morrow afternoon.

FIFTH-DAY AFTERNOON, THE 17TH.

Met according to adjournment.

The Representatives being called are present except 23.

The summary of the Answers to the Queries, from the Meeting of Ministers and Elders, together with a Minute of that Meeting, were laid before this Meeting and read.—(See p. 16.)

Essays of Epistles to our dear sisters of Canada, New York, Ohio, Baltimore, North Carolina, Indiana, Kansas, and Western Yearly Meetings, also a Joint Epistle to the Monthly Meeting of Friends at Brumana on Mt. Lebanon, have been read and approved, and the Clerk is authorized to sign these, and also those read at a previous sitting on our behalf, and forward them to those Meetings respectively.

The Representatives, in joint session, have agreed to propose the names of Friends to constitute a Representative Meeting for the ensuing year.—(See p. 34.)

The names having been read were approved, and they are appointed in concurrence to that service.

The Report of the Committee on Finance has been read, and the appropriations proposed are approved.—(See p. 43.)

The Report of the Committee to Audit the Treasurer's Account, has also been approved, and George Howland, Jr. is appointed, in concurrence, Treasurer of the Yearly Meeting, and Thomas Harkness, Treasurer of the Boarding School Fund.—(See p. 42.)

The Committee appointed to take into consideration the proposition from Salem Monthly Meeting, presented to this, through the Representative Meeting, have made a Report.—(See p. 17.)

The Report is satisfactory to the Meeting, and the judgment of the Committee is confirmed respecting the condition of members, with a Minute of sojourn.

The Committee on the subject of Peace have presented their Annual Report, which is interesting and satisfactory to this Meeting.—(See p. 44.)

The Committee now under appointment is reappointed to that service for the ensuing year.—(See p. 45.)

The Clerk is authorized to have the Minutes of this Meeting, and the Epistles received from our sisters of other Yearly Meetings, printed for circulation among our members.

The Clerk is authorized to sign on our behalf the following Minute for our beloved friend Deborah C. Thomas. "Our beloved friend Deborah C. Thomas acceptably attended this Meeting, her company and religious services have been acceptable to us."

Similar ones are also furnished to our dear friends Elizabeth L. Comstock, William A. Symmes, William P. Hastings, Joseph Stanley, David B. Updegraff, John Carey, John P. Pennington, Luke Woodard and John Henry Douglas.

The Clerk is further directed to sign on our behalf, the following Minute for our friend Margaret H. White and a similar one for our friend Elvira T. Woodard viz: "Our beloved friend Margaret H. White acceptably attended this Meeting."

And now that the hour has come for closing the sessions of this Yearly Meeting, we acknowledge with reverent gratitude that the presence of our Heavenly Leader and promised Guide has, from day to day, been felt amongst us. By His help, we have been enabled, in our deliberations and conclusions, to manifest a spirit of Christian love and condescension one to another.

As we separate and return to our homes and respective fields of labor, may the Lord watch over us there, making us constant partakers of His grace; so that, having all sufficiency in all things, we may abound unto every good work.

We adjourn to meet in Portland, Maine, at the usual time next year, if the Lord permit.

ANNA G. WOOD, *Clerk.*

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MINUTES.

1. At the Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England, held at Portland, Maine, commencing on Seventh-day, Sixth Month 11th, 1881.

2. By the Reports received from our several Quarterly Meetings, it appears that the following named Friends have been appointed Representatives to this Meeting, viz. :—

FROM RHODE ISLAND—Benjamin F. Knowles, Obadiah Chace, Samuel R. Buffinton, Allen Jay, Thomas B. Buffum, Daniel Meader, Charles D. Kenyon, Charles A. Chace, William T. Collins and Joseph E. Macomber.

FROM SALEM—Moses F. Rogers, John Paige, Thomas Folsom, Joseph Haines, Gilbert C. Hoag, Owen Dame, Moses Huntington, William O. Newhall, Daniel Beede, Charles H. Thorndike, Peter M. Neal, Joseph Cartland, James P. Boyce and Olney T. Meader.

FROM SANDWICH—William C. Taber, Stephen R. Wing, George Howland, Jr., David Kelley, Edward G. Dillingham, Gideon Gifford, Moses Smith, Nathaniel Howland, Isaac R. Potter, Joseph R. Wing, William P. Macomber and William Thompson.

FROM FALMOUTH—Lemuel Jones, George Douglass, Elijah Cook, Ezekiel Varney, Jr., Freeman Andrews, Augustus F. Cox, John J. Frye, Edward C. Jones, Daniel Jones, Silas H. Cartland, Isaiah N. Hacker, Nathan Pope, Calvin S. Goddard, James E. Goddard and Timothy Hanson.

FROM SMITHFIELD—Richard Battey, James O. Inman, Paul A. Randall and John B. Daniels.

FROM VASSALBORO—Thomas B. Nichols, Eli Jones, Ebenezer Frye, Alfred H. Jones, Charles B. Cates, Hartwell A. Jenkins, John Frye, William H. Beale, Josiah Philbrook, John Gould and William Jacob.

FROM DOVER—Jacob K. Purinton, Oliver Meader, Joseph H. Pratt, John B. Cartland, Tobias Meader, William P. Tuttle and Albert C. Buffum.

FROM FAIRFIELD—Levi Jones, Henry Winslow, Joseph Taylor, Joseph E. Briggs, George Richardson, Jacob Pope, Moses Briggs and Isaac Winslow,—

whose names being called, they were all present except ten, for the absence of three of whom sufficient reasons were assigned.

3. Having at this time the acceptable company of our beloved friends, Mary S. Knowles from New York Yearly Meeting; Rufus P. King, William P. Hastings, Benjamin S. Coppock and Perrin Reynolds from North Carolina Yearly Meeting; Edward C. Young, Joseph Stanley, S. Adelbert Wood, Elizabeth L. Comstock and Abigail B. Kelley from Ohio Yearly Meeting; Dougan Clark from Indiana Yearly Meeting; and William G. Johnson from Western Yearly Meeting; satisfactory testimonials have been presented and read, expressive of unity with them as Ministers, and with their present religious engagements amongst us.

4. We have also the acceptable company of our friends, James Barton and his wife, Celia A. Barton, from Ferrisburgh Monthly Meeting, Vermont; Phila C. Jewell, an Elder accompanying Mary S. Knowles; Julia A. Coppock, accompanying her husband, Benjamin S. Coppock; Maria E. Young, accompanying her father, Edward C. Young; Lydia Stanley, an Elder, accompanying her husband, Joseph Stanley; Caroline DeGreen, accompanying her mother, Elizabeth L. Comstock; and Emily J. Morris, an Elder, accompanying her father, William G. Johnson; satisfactory testimonials from their respective meetings have been presented and read.

5. A minute signed by Maryville Monthly Meeting, Tenn., on behalf of Joseph Arbeely, a member of the Greek Church, who accompanies Benjamin S. Coppock, has been read at this time. His company, as well as that of his son Nasef, is very acceptable and gratifying to us, and we bid them a cordial welcome.

6. The subject of furnishing our friends in attendance of this Meeting from other Yearly Meetings with returning minutes if way should open, is referred to the following named Friends, viz.:—George Howland, Jr., Charles B. Cates, John Paige, Allen Jay, Abel C. Monroe and William C. Taber.

7. Truly acceptable Epistles from the Yearly Meetings of London, Ireland, New York, Baltimore, North Carolina, Ohio and Indiana

have been received and read to our edification and encouragement ; we have also received Epistles from Western, Iowa, Canada and Kansas Yearly Meetings, and one from the Monthly Meeting of Brumana on Mt. Lebanon, the reading of which is deferred to our afternoon session. We appoint the following named Friends a committee to prepare, as way may open, Essays of reply thereto, and present them at a future sitting, viz. : — Benjamin F. Knowles, John Paige, George Richardson, William P. Macomber, Charles M. Jones, Allen Jay, Henry T. Wood, Alfred H. Jones, Daniel Beede, George Howland, Jr., Charles H. Thorndike, Thomas B. Nichols, Eli Jones, Timothy B. Hussey, Peter M. Neal and Olney T. Meader.

8. The following changes have occurred in our several Quarterly Meetings, during the past year, as reported in their accounts to this Meeting, viz. :—

Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting reports that Elizabeth Meader, a Minister for upwards of 65 years, and a member of Providence Monthly Meeting, died First Month 23d, 1881, aged 87 years, 9 months and 23 days ; and that it has united with Swansea Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Darius Buffinton and Charles A. Chace to the station of Elder. Greenwich Monthly Meeting has appointed Arthur T. Parker its correspondent ; address, East Greenwich, R.I.

Salem Quarterly Meeting reports that Susan L. Brown, an Elder, and member of Seabrook Monthly Meeting, deceased Seventh Month 19th, 1880, aged 87 years, 11 months and 20 days.

Sandwich Quarterly Meeting reports that it has united with New Bedford Monthly Meeting in acknowledging the gift and approving the public ministry of Rebecca H. Smiley ; Lemuel Gifford, a Minister, and member of Sandwich Monthly Meeting, died Ninth Month 16th, 1880, aged 86 years, 3 months and 27 days ; and that Lydia Taber, an Elder, and member of the same Monthly Meeting, died Third Month 28th, 1880, aged 89 years, 3 months and 27 days.

Falmouth Quarterly Meeting reports that Joshua Douglass, a Minister, and member of Durham Monthly Meeting, died First Month 21st, 1881, aged 86 years, 4 months and 13 days ; and that Abram Winslow, an Elder, and member of Limington Monthly Meeting, deceased Third Month 6th, 1881, aged 82 years, 5 months and 26 days.

Smithfield Quarterly Meeting reports that Phebe S. Marsh, an Elder, and member of Uxbridge Monthly Meeting, died Sixth Month 10th, 1880, aged 85 years and 11 months ; Charles Hadwen, an Elder, and member of the same Monthly Meeting, died Second Month

9th, 1881, aged 84 years, 1 month and 5 days; and that Anne Maria Crowley, an Elder, and member of Smithfield Monthly Meeting, died Eleventh Month 2d, 1880, aged 74 years, 5 months and 15 days; also that it has united with Smithfield Monthly Meeting in the appointment of William Aldrich to the station of Elder.

Vassalboro Quarterly Meeting reports that it has united with Vassalboro Monthly Meeting in acknowledging the gift, and approving the public ministry of Zaccheus Goddard; Sarah N. Jenkins, an Elder, and member of the same Monthly Meeting, died Fourth Month 23d, 1881, aged 77 years; and that Elizabeth T. Gilkey, an Elder, and member of Unity Monthly Meeting, died Tenth Month 12th, 1880, aged 88 years and 2 months; Alfred H. Jones has been appointed Correspondent of China Monthly Meeting; address, China, Me.

Dover Quarterly Meeting reports that Paul Hoag, an Elder, and member of Sandwich Monthly Meeting, died Eleventh Month 18th, 1880, aged 70 years, 5 months and 24 days, and that Sarah P. Tuttle, an Elder, and member of Dover Monthly Meeting, died Twelfth Month 9th, 1880, aged 86 years and 8 months.

9. All our Quarterly Meetings report that they have directed their Treasurers to pay to the Treasurer of this Meeting their proportions of stock called for last year.

Adjourned to 4 o'clock this afternoon.

AFTERNOON.—Met pursuant to adjournment.

10. George Howland, Jr., on behalf of the representatives, informed the Meeting that they were united in proposing William O. Newhall for Clerk, and Henry T. Wood and Timothy B. Hussey for Assistant Clerks; which nominations being severally approved, they are appointed to those stations the ensuing year.

11. Epistles from Western, Iowa, Canada and Kansas Yearly Meetings and from Brumana Monthly Meeting were now read.

12. The following proposition from Fairfield Quarterly Meeting has been read, viz. :—

“With the concurrence of the Women’s Meeting, we are united in proposing for the consideration of the Yearly Meeting that our Discipline be so changed, that Overseers during their term of service shall be members with the Meeting of Ministers and Elders.” After a time of consideration it was concluded to appoint a nominating committee to produce, at a future sitting, the names of Friends to whom

the above proposition, and the whole subject of the constitution of our Meeting of Ministers and Elders may be referred, and report their judgment thereon at our next Yearly Meeting, the Women's Meeting uniting, viz. : — Samuel R. Buffinton, Allen Jay, Daniel Beede, Thomas Folsom, George Howland, Jr., David K. Akin, George Douglass, Charles C. Varney, Richard Battey, Abel C. Monroe, Josiah Philbrook, Charles B. Cates, Jacob K. Purinton, Albert C. Buffum, Charles M. Jones and Joseph E. Briggs.

13. The Committee having charge of the Boarding School at Providence have presented their Annual Report, which having been read is satisfactory, and adopted by the Meeting. During the consideration of the Report very interesting remarks were made by several Friends, recommending the Institution and its interests to the increased and continued care and support of this Yearly Meeting, and the arduous labors of the Committee are appreciated by this Meeting. We appoint Benjamin F. Knowles, William T. Collins, Charles H. Thordike, James P. Boyce, David Kelley, William Thompson, Lemuel Jones, J. Hacker Hall, Abel C. Monroe, William Aldrich, Thomas B. Nichols, William H. Beale, Albert C. Buffum, Ira T. Jenkins, Joseph Taylor and Charles M. Jones, to unite with a similar Committee of Women Friends, to propose at a future sitting the names of Friends to constitute a Committee to whom the care and interests of the Institution may be committed the coming year.

REPORT OF THE BOARDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

TO THE YEARLY MEETING:

In presenting their Annual Report, the School Committee repeat what they have said again and again, that, during the past year, the School has gone on very much to their satisfaction; the religious feeling to which we have referred with so much interest in several of our reports continues to increase, and is, we believe, under the Divine hand in its influence and results, not only a blessing to those immediately participating in the service, but is also a powerful means of good in all departments of the institution.

The average number of scholars for the year has been, for the Autumn Term, 89 boys and 83 girls; and for the Spring Term, 74 boys and 79 girls.

For the first few months after the opening of the School in Ninth Month, the health of the family was as good as usual; but the prevalence of measles during Second and Third Months interfered with the regular attendance of the scholars, and with their progress in study, while it drew heavily upon the sympathy and added greatly to the labors of the Principal. Since that time the standard of health has been uniformly good.

There have been four deaths at the Institution during the Spring Term, two of them being pupils, viz:—Winslow J. Evans, son of Thomas H. Evans, of Rochester, N.H., who died of measles Second Month 22d. in his 19th year; and Sarah Isabella Parker, daughter of Joseph R. Parker, of Belvidere, N.C., who died of inflammation of the bowels, Third Month 31st, aged 17 years. Harriet Chase, of Prudence Island, R.I., who came to nurse her son, Halsey Chase, during the illness of the latter with measles, in her untiring devotion and tender solicitude for his welfare, was seized with pneumonia, and died after a short illness. The fourth case was that of S. Elma Gifford, wife of one of the teachers—Seth K. Gifford—who died apparently of disease of the stomach, (about an hour subsequent to the decease of Isabella Parker.) aged 26 years. The funeral solemnities which followed were occasions of deep, and, we believe, of abiding interest, and the mingled feelings of regret for the loss of those to whom teachers and pupils had been much endeared, the tender sympathy for the bereaved, and the sweet consciousness that to the dear departed the summons had not found them unprepared, of which they were favored to give abundant testimony, have left impressions which will, we trust, be long remembered.

The Principal, in his communication to us narrating the foregoing facts, uses this language:—“It was something to be remembered by every officer and student during life, that at that sad hour” (the time of the funeral solemnities of S. Isabella Parker and S. Elma Gifford) “the lifeless forms of two of the most beautiful and gifted daughters of the Institution lay within her walls.”

He closes his communication with the following expression:—“I deem it proper to say that notwithstanding this—I believe unprecedented number of deaths in one term—that nothing can be traced to any unhealthy source in the Institution.”

We have also to report the decease of one of our own number during the year—Ann Maria Coffin, of Lynn. Her long familiarity with the School and its needs, her deep interest in its welfare, particularly its household comforts and improvements, made her a valuable helper to the Committee, and increases our estimate of the loss we sustained in her removal.

Since our last report, the Committee has authorized the erection of a three-story brick structure, in the angle, at the junction of the old building with Alumni Hall, to be appropriated to the greater accommodation and comfort of the occupants of the east wing, in which we have on the lower floor a very desirable room for the use of the library, and connected therewith; and on the second and third floors, bath-rooms and water-closets; and also, by some changes in the old part, seven very desirable lodging rooms have been arranged, and a room available for storage purposes. By this improvement we shall be enabled to remove the unsightly and objectionable old buildings in the rear of the east wing, and also to abate a great nuisance of long standing, and, as we regard it, to greatly improve the sanitary condition of the premises.

Increased facilities for the better protection of the school buildings

from fire, by the erection of hydrants to be connected with the City Water Works, have been provided, in compliance with the suggestions of the insurance companies with whom the property is insured, and also by the recommendation of the Fire Department of the city.

At our meeting, Second Month 1st, we were informed, by a communication from the Principal, that Sarah Slade had given to the School One Thousand Dollars, to be expended for books, and Five Hundred Dollars for apparatus; and that Timothy K. Earle had given Five Hundred Dollars for the library. By direction, the Clerk has acknowledged the gratitude and thankfulness of the Committee to the donors of these timely gifts for their valuable contributions.

The following list contains the names of the Officers of Government and Instruction, for the year which will close on the 21st proximo:—

Augustine Jones, A.M., Principal.

John W. Freeze, A.M., Governor, and English Studies (Autumn Term).

Walter S. Meader, A.B., Governor, and English Studies (Spring Term).

Susan S. Moore, Governess, and English Studies.

Thomas J. Battey, A.B., Natural Sciences.

John M. Potter, A.M., Higher Mathematics.

Seth K. Gifford, A.M., Greek and Latin.

Henry Wood, Ph. D., English Literature and German.

Walter S. Meader, A.B., Assistant Governor (Autumn Term).

John H. Gifford, A.B., Assistant Governor (Spring Term).

Harold C. Childs, A.B., Natural Sciences (Spring Term).

Bessie T. Wing, French, History and Literature.

Mary Amy Collins, English Studies.

Mary E. Holder, Reading and Elocution.

Sophia L. Pitman, Drawing and Painting.

Mary E. Rawson, Vocal Culture.

Allen Jay, Secretary and Book-keeper.

The Treasurer of the School Fund reports that he has received as

Income from the General Fund	\$6,263 24	
Income from Fund in the hands of the Treasurer of the Yearly Meeting	309 36	
From returned insurance premiums	418 00	
	<hr/>	\$6,990 60

PAYMENTS.

Paid insurance premiums	\$553 73	
Paid Augustine Jones, Principal, as per receipts . .	6,436 87	
	<hr/>	\$6,990 60

CHARITABLE FUND.

Balance on hand last year	\$1,124 58	
Income	2,376 98	
	<hr/>	\$3,501 56

PAYMENTS.

School bills paid	\$2,500 00	
Balance on hand	1,001 56	
	<u> </u>	\$3,501 56

The Treasurer of the Yearly Meeting reports that he has received, including

Balance on hand last year	\$486 92	
From coupons on bonds	281 25	
From dividend savings bank	28 11	
From proceeds of sale of three U. S. bonds	3,341 25	
	<u> </u>	\$4,137 53

PAID.

Thos. Harkness, Treas. of School Fund	\$309 36	
Augustine Jones by order of Committee	3,786 92	
Two small bills (printing and record book)	3 90	
Balance to new account	37 35	
	<u> </u>	\$4,137 53

The accounts of the Principal show the following items of receipt and expenditure:—

RECEIPTS.

Income from board and tuition	\$33,976 45	
Rec'd from Thos. Harkness, Treas. of Gen'l Fund	6,436 87	
Received from Geo. Howland, Jr., Treasurer of the Yearly Meeting, from funds belonging to school, on account of improvements and addition	3,786 92	
Received from profit for year 1880	517 17	
	<u> </u>	\$44,717 41

EXPENDITURES.

Salaries of teachers and officers	\$12,310 00	
Provisions	10,773 43	
Wages paid labor and servant hire	5,721 23	
Cost of addition, including heating apparatus, bath rooms, water closets, seven additional lodging rooms and library room	5,501 05	
Repairs and replacements	2,973 71	
Fuel	1,566 93	
Light	807 88	
Water	325 10	
Library and periodicals	300 69	
Incidentals, including medicines and postage	225 00	
Cost of water pipe connection on Lloyd Street	5 70	
City tax on school property for 1880	2,759 40	
Balance remaining to meet expenses to close of the year	1,447 29	
	<u> </u>	\$44,717 41

The Committee do not propose any change in the rates to be charged for admission to the School the coming year. The rates last year were:—
 For members of our Yearly Meeting \$125 00
 For members of other Yearly Meetings, or when one or both parents are members of this Yearly Meeting 225 00
 For all others who may be admitted 300 00
 One-half payable at the commencement of the year, and one-half at the opening after recess.

An additional charge of ten dollars, each, to be made for one year's instruction in Greek, Latin, French, German, or Drawing.

In conclusion, we may remark with confidence, mingled with feelings of gratitude, that perhaps at no time in the history of this Institution could it be more safely commended to the patronage and interest of Friends, and we desire that its extended provisions for the physical comfort of the inmates, its educational advantages, its moral tone, and even its religious interests may be largely shared by the youth of our Society.

On behalf and by direction of the Committee.

GEO. HOWLAND, JR., *Clerk*.

BOARDING SCHOOL, Providence, Fifth Month 31st, 1881.

NOTE.—The Autumn term begins Ninth Month 7th, 1881, and closes Third Month 29th, 1882. The Spring term begins Fourth Month 5th, 1882, and closes Sixth Month 20th, 1882.

Applications for admission to the School should be made seasonably for the meeting of the Committee, on the 2d of Eighth Month next.

Those who are members of our Yearly Meeting will have preference of all others to that date; after which applications will be acted upon in the order in which they are received. Those who desire the benefit of the Charitable Fund should apply at the time above specified.

All applications should be sent to the Principal. Address, AUGUSTINE JONES, Friends' Boarding School, Providence, R. I.

14. We appoint Obadiah Chace, John Thorndike, Stephen R. Wing, Silas H. Cartland, John B. Daniels, Hartwell A. Jenkins, Albert C. Buffum and Isaac Winslow, a Committee to prepare a summary of the Answers to the Queries, and present it at our next sitting.

15. We appoint Charles A. Chace, Daniel C. Maxfield, Gideon Wood, George Douglas, Paul A. Randall, Charles B. Cates, William P. Tuttle and Henry Winslow, a Committee to audit and settle the accounts of the Treasurer to the present date; to propose a sum of money to be raised sufficient to defray the expenses of the Meeting the ensuing year, and to propose a Friend for Treasurer, also one for Treasurer of the Boarding School Fund.

Adjourned to Second-day Morning, the 13th.

SECOND-DAY MORNING, the 13th.—The Meeting again assembled.

16. The following statistical information has been received from our several Quarterly Meetings, viz. :—

	Number reported last year.	Error in last year's report, gain.	Births.	Deaths.	Moved in.	Moved out.	Admitted.	Released.	Gain.	Loss.	Present number.*
Rhode Island .	717	2	1	22	6	17	14	8		17	700
Salem	678		8	11	7	5	3	9		7	671
Sandwich . . .	747		2	19	15	10	9	1		4	743
Falmouth . . .	581	2	7	4	8	3	24	3	31		612
Smithfield . .	428	1	2	13	2		6			2	426
Vassalboro . .	502		1	9	1	3	2	2		10	492
Dover	317		3	13		4	2	3		15	302
Fairfield . . .	453		2	6	4	4	8	4			453
Total . . .	4423	5	26	97	43	46	68	30	31	55	4399
“ Loss .										24	

* These figures represent the number of members on the 1st of Third Month, 1881.

17. The Meeting now entered upon a consideration of the state of Society as presented by the Answers to the Queries from our several Quarterly Meetings; and proceeded therein to the fourth, inclusive.

The Meeting then adjourned.

AFTERNOON.—Assembled pursuant to adjournment.

18. The consideration of the state of Society was resumed and concluded.

MINUTE ON THE EXERCISE OF THE MEETING.

The deficiencies reported, in the attendance of meetings, particularly those held in the middle of the week, brought out the searching questions,—“What is the remedy?” “How can a more lively interest be awakened in our Meetings, especially those where such failings are noted?”

To these questions many replies were given by the ambassadors of the Lord Jesus, who have come amongst us, and who, we believe, are engaged to seek best wisdom, to counsel us aright. The important teaching of the tree and its fruit was presented. What is the condition of the tree? Upon its soundness depends the quality of the fruit. “A

good tree cannot bring forth evil fruit, neither can a corrupt tree bring forth good fruit."

Our mid-week meetings must be of the right kind, for such only will call together those who are remiss in the improvement of the privileges which the Head of the Church is ready to confer upon all who assemble themselves together to wait upon Him.

The question is an important one, whether those who attend them regularly are faithful therein, and earnestly engaged themselves to draw near to God in spirit, and thus be in the way of usefulness to those present who may not be so deeply exercised. If we are careful in this, as in all things, to yield ourselves unto God, as those who are alive from the dead, we are in a way to receive the spiritual good which we so much need, and are also ready to be made in His hands means of good to others.

We are not to say what our service shall be, but enter the presence of God with submission, and pray Him to use us to His glory.

We were also most impressively reminded of the need of a revival of religion throughout our borders, and were asked if we desired it. Are we truly willing to pay the cost? Are we ready to surrender preconceived opinions, and to allow our gifts, of whatever nature, to be employed in accordance with the Divine will? Such surrender, it is believed, God will honor with a revival of His work among our membership, an ingathering of souls into His fold, and the rekindling of such life in all our meetings, that the deficiencies which are now a cause of mourning will no longer exist.

The importance of maintaining our views of the Gospel of Christ, in relation to oaths and to war, was forcibly presented, and we were reminded that a violation of the principles which we profess in these respects, is disobedience to the commands of Him whom we claim to love.

19. With respect to the use of intoxicating liquors by our members, it is cause of regret that the Answers to the Query are not more definite and explicit. The number who are still addicted to the practice is, we believe, very small, and, we trust, decreasing. We are, however, engaged to press the subject renewedly upon the care and Christian attention of Friends in their respective neighborhoods, until in the language of the beloved Apostle it may be said, "Yea in all things ye have proved yourselves to be clear in this matter."

Our subordinate meetings are requested in future to report the number of delinquents as far as it can be ascertained.

SUMMARY OF ANSWERS TO THE QUERIES.

ANSWER 1.—All our meetings for religious worship and discipline have been regularly held, with the exception of a few small meetings for wor-

ship. On First-day they are attended by Friends generally; they are much neglected in the middle of the week by some of our members. The hour nearly observed; unbecoming behavior avoided with little exception.

ANS. 2.—Love and unity are in a good degree maintained, and detraction generally guarded against; when differences arise, endeavors are used to end them.

ANS. 3.—With a few exceptions, Friends are careful to maintain a religious life and conversation, and endeavor by example and precept to train their children and others under their care in accordance with our Christian profession.

ANS. 4.—We believe that most Friends frequently read the Holy Scriptures individually and collectively in their families, and encourage those under their care in the practice of this religious duty. Our testimony to a free gospel ministry appears, with very few exceptions, to be maintained.

ANS. 5.—With few exceptions, Friends abstain from the use of intoxicating liquors as a beverage; not quite clear as to amusements and diversions.

ANS. 6.—The circumstances of the poor are inspected and their necessities relieved; care is taken to educate their children.

ANS. 7.—Not quite clear in a faithful maintenance of our testimony against military matters and oaths; we hear no complaint of defrauding the public revenue.

ANS. 8.—With a few exceptions, in which some care has been extended, Friends are careful in these respects.

ANS. 9.—Our records are attended to. A few removals without certificates, most of which are under notice.

ANS. 10.—Friends are engaged to administer the discipline in Christian tenderness and impartially, and endeavor to bestow timely care; judgment has been placed according to discipline, with the exception of one Monthly Meeting, which acknowledges it is not in condition to administer discipline or place judgment, as queried after.

20. The following summary of the Answers to the Queries of the Meeting of Ministers and Elders, together with a Minute of that Meeting, were laid before this Meeting and read, viz. :—

SUMMARY OF ANSWERS TO THE QUERIES FROM THE YEARLY MEETING OF MINISTERS AND ELDERS.

The Queries were read in this Meeting, with Answers thereto from our several Quarterly Meetings, a summary of which the Clerk was directed to lay before the Yearly Meeting, with the accompanying Minute.

ANSWER 1.—Ministers and Elders are, with little exception, diligent in

attending their Meetings for worship and discipline, and careful to promote the attendance of their families.

ANS. 2.—The lives and conversation of Ministers and Elders are in most instances clean and blameless among men. We believe they are in unity one with another, and with the Meeting to which they belong, harmoniously laboring together for the honor of Truth, with little exception.

ANS. 3.—With little exception in one Meeting, they endeavor to rule their own houses well, and by example and precept to train up their families in a religious life and conversation, consistent with our Christian profession.

ANS. 4.—They are in a good degree preserved in love, and are engaged to administer encouragement and counsel as occasion may require, in reference to ministry or conduct.

MINUTE OF THE YEARLY MEETING OF MINISTERS AND ELDERS.

During the consideration of the state of this portion of the Society, as brought before us by the reading of the Queries and their Answers, a sweet feeling of the presence of the Lord was granted unto us.

A deep and lively interest prevailed, and much pertinent encouragement and instruction was given by exercised Friends of our own and other Yearly Meetings.

It was felt that we should be a more healthy and efficient body, were all our members to make a careful self-examination, and live up to the spirit as well as the letter of these Queries.

We were reminded of the danger of being general rather than definite in laboring for the ingathering of souls. Definite work, accomplishing definite results, is what we need. As we cannot make the journey of human life but once, we should be careful to make no mistake and no delay in laboring for the conversion of sinners.

The Church needs, to-day, more than anything else, the outpouring of the Holy Spirit. Get first the gift of the Holy Spirit, by whom the believers are washed and sanctified.

Forcibly were we reminded that there are diversities of gifts, but the same spirit. "He that ascended on high gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers; for the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ: till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ."

The excellence of these gifts to the Church was clearly set forth, and all were exhorted to mind their own gifts rather than covet the gifts of others, asking not, "What shall this man do?" but rather heed the injunction, "What is that to thee? follow thou Me."

ALFRED H. JONES, *Clerk*.

21. By the following communication from our Treasurer, with the accompanying letter of Azariah S. Tripp, Executor to the will of his brother, the late Philip J. Tripp, we are informed that the latter bequeathed to this Meeting the sum of \$2000, in aid of the Boarding School at Providence, with the design of founding a scholarship in that Institution. This Meeting gratefully accepts the bequest, and appreciates the thoughtful consideration of the testator for the School, and also for the class of persons for whom the endowment was intended. Our Treasurer is directed, in connection with the Treasurer of the School Fund, to invest the amount thus received, the security to be held by the Treasurer of the School Fund, as a distinct trust—the latter to pay the income arising from the trust to the School Committee, to be disbursed in accordance with the stipulations of the will.

TO THE YEARLY MEETING:

In the Twelfth Month last, I received from Azariah S. Tripp, of Fall River, the accompanying communication, which I present to the Yearly Meeting for its information, and for direction as to the disposition of the funds therein referred to.

As requested by the writer I, as Treasurer of the Yearly Meeting, acknowledged the reception of the communication, and also the receipt of the money, which I immediately placed on deposit in the New Bedford Five Cents Savings Bank, in my name as Treasurer of the Yearly Meeting, for the benefit of the Boarding School at Providence, where it now is.

The information contained in the letter of A. S. Tripp was given to the School Committee at their next meeting after I received it, and also the disposition that was made of the money.

GEO. HOWLAND, JR., *Treas. N. E. Y. Meeting.*

PORTLAND, Sixth Month 13th, 1881.

NEW ENGLAND YEARLY MEETING OF FRIENDS:

Respected Friends.—In the last will and testament of my brother, the late Philip J. Tripp, of Freetown, Mass., a bequest is made for the benefit of Friends' School at Providence, which is expressed, in the testator's own hand writing, as follows:—

“I give and bequeath to the New England Yearly Meeting of Friends, for the use of the Boarding School at Providence, the sum of two thousand dollars, the income yearly to be applied to the payment of the board and tuition of one scholar, either male or female, a member of the meeting in indigent circumstances, and that may be selected by the Managers and Committee of said School as worthy to receive the said aid. No scholar to receive said aid more than four years. Should the income ex-

ceed the sum charged by the Managers, as the tuition and board of a member of the Meeting, any surplus shall be applied to the benefit of the Library of said School."

In payment of the bequest mentioned in the above extract from my brother's will, I enclose certified bank check for two thousand dollars. Knowing the testator's views, and desiring to execute his written will in accordance therewith, it seems to me right to express the hope that the Minute of the Meeting, accepting the bequest, will embody the language of the will, and will direct that the principal of the legacy be designated and known, in the accounts and invested funds of the Society, as "The Philip J. Tripp Fund," or "The Philip J. Tripp Scholarship."

My brother cherished the principles of Friends, and held, through life, that the "Discipline" taught the true policy, as well as morality, of a worthy business career. Although never privileged to give the School at Providence much personal service, he always felt a warm interest in its success, and a grateful appreciation of what it did for him in the few months he attended it as a scholar. It will be a satisfaction to me to receive some official acknowledgment of the receipt of the legacy, and to know that my brother's good intentions were given a form and direction approved by Friends.

With sincere respect, your friend,

A. S. TRIPP.

FALL RIVER, Twelfth Month 21st, 1880.

Adjourned to meet in joint session to-morrow morning at 10 o'clock.

THIRD-DAY MORNING THE 14TH.

The Meeting assembled in joint session pursuant to adjournment.

. 22. The joint Committee on General Meetings and other Gospel Service have now presented a report of their labors during the past year. We are informed that General Meetings have been held in Lynn, St. Albans, Windham, Burrillville and New Bedford. Series of Meetings were continued for a longer or shorter period as way seemed to open, at Newport, Hopkinton and Portsmouth, R. I., at Smith's Neck, Allen's Neck, Westport and Bolton, Mass., and in Portland, Me., Dover and Rochester, N. H., and in various other localities in Maine and New Hampshire. We feel encouraged by the evidence afforded of usefulness and blessing to the Church by this instrumentality, and it is instructive to learn that in localities, where the earnest co-operation, the needed support, and the prayers of the visited, have followed, and even preceded the laborers, then the Church has been watered, and the blessing of the Lord of the harvest has been most realized, assuredly gathering that the dear Master designs to

make this a means for the help and enlargement of the Church. We continue the same Committee for this work, with the substitution of Mary Alice Gifford in the place of Allen Jay, who is about to remove from our limits. We confidently and tenderly commend them in this labor of love, to the support of the Church, to the co-operation of those among whom they may feel called to labor, and above all to the Lord, to whom we would reverently look for a blessing on the service.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON GENERAL MEETINGS.

TO THE YEARLY MEETING:

Dear Friends.—We, your Committee on General Meetings and other Gospel Work, are thankful to be able to give a much more encouraging report than ever before since our first appointment to this important and responsible service.

Twenty-one meetings have been held during the year, under the care of this Committee. Some of these were called "General Meetings," and others were designated "Series of Meetings," and were protracted for several days, or sometimes weeks. Some of these series have consisted of more than twenty meetings. At all of the places where general or other series of meetings were held by the Committee, most or all of the families were visited, and much personal labor bestowed which seemed to be greatly blessed of the Lord. Those who attended the meetings were reminded that it was a matter of inestimable importance to them individually, whether they were saved or unsaved; and when the way of salvation was pointed out, many of those were ready to enter it. All of the meetings above mentioned were signally, we believe, owned by the Great Head of the Church. A revival among professors of religion was manifest in each place, and, in several places, the Lord "added to the Church" such as we trust will continue faithful.

The work entrusted to this Committee has been much promoted by the assistance and co-labors of two or three Friends, (Ministers) from other Yearly Meetings, among whom was our dear friend, Sarah B. Satterthwaite, from England, who devoted a few days of her time just before returning home, to, as she said, "lift the latch," in order that others might enter in and labor.

One member of our Committee has devoted several months entirely to the work, and several have spent a number of weeks in the field, laboring in various ways both private and public, for the upbuilding of the Church. We believe that nearly all the meetings in each of the Quarters have been visited by one or more of our number. All the Quarterly and many of the Monthly Meetings have been attended, and in some Quarters most of the families and individual members have been visited. In nearly every place there seems to be an openness to receive the Gospel in whatever way sent, but there are places where there is some indifference to the importance of the work manifested; yet we believe that if the labor is con-

tinued by consecrated workers, trusting in the Lord for guidance, a rich blessing will yet be experienced.

Of the money raised by voluntary contribution at the time of our last Yearly Meeting, for the use of this Committee, four hundred and ninety dollars have been expended for the promotion of the work, and we feel assured that much more has been done than could have been accomplished without this timely aid. A balance of four hundred and seventy-four dollars remains in the hands of the Committee.

So much remains yet undone, and the fields so "white unto harvest," while the laborers are comparatively few, that we would recommend the appointment of a Committee to continue this work another year, and the prayer of our hearts is that those thus appointed may be able to present a "solid front" against the enemy of souls, and each one have his will consecrated in submission to the Lord's will.

In conclusion we would say, "Not unto us, O Lord, not unto us, but unto Thy name give glory."

On behalf of the Committee,

HANNAH J. BAILEY, *Secretary*.

PORTLAND, Sixth Month 11th, 1881.

COMMITTEE ON GENERAL MEETINGS, ETC.

Eli Jones,	James Cartland,
Rebecca H. Smiley,	Hannah J. Bailey,
Sarah W. Goddard,	Charles B. Cates,
William Jacob,	William P. Macomber,
Harriette D. Collins,	William O. Newhall,
I. Warren Hawkes,	Ruth S. Murray,
Charles H. Jones.	Charles M. Jones.
Susan T. Thompson,	Hannah S. Wing,
William Thompson,	Levi Franklin Jones,
Harriet N. Jones,	S. Narcissa Jacob.
Anna G. Wood,	Henry T. Wood.

Mary Alice Gifford.

23. The Committee on Foreign Missions have presented their encouraging Report, which has now been read. With thankfulness for what has been accomplished during the past year, and leaving the further consideration of the subject to our next session, we now adjourn to 4 o'clock this afternoon.

AFTERNOON.—Assembled pursuant to adjournment.

24. Our friend Eli Jones informed this Meeting that a delegation from the "Congregational Conference of the State of Maine," now in session in this city, was present. Henry F. Harding on behalf of this

delegation presented resolutions of cordial greeting from that Conference, with a Christian salutation as brethren of the household of faith, viz. :—

MINUTE OF CONGREGATIONAL CONFERENCE OF MAINE.

At the first session of the Fifty-fifth Annual Meeting of the General Conference of the Congregational Churches in Maine, held in this city, the following Minute was unanimously adopted :—

The General Conference of the Congregational Churches in Maine, assembled in Williston Church, Portland, Me., sends cordial and fraternal greetings to the Yearly Meeting of the Society of Friends, also assembled in Portland.

We congratulate ourselves, Brethren and Sisters, that, though worshipping God in a different manner, we belong to the same great brotherhood as yourselves.

We rejoice in all the prosperity vouchsafed to you, and we pray for the blessing of Almighty God upon your present assembly, and upon all your efforts for the promotion of the common cause, dear to us all, of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

Revs. F. E. Clark and Henry F. Harding were appointed a Committee to convey the salutation of this body to yours.

WILLIAM E. GOULD, *Moderator*,
E. F. DUREN, *Recording Sec'y*.

PORTLAND, June 14, 1881.

This Meeting lovingly responds to this kindly greeting of the Conference, and as children of the same Father in Heaven, as heirs together of the same inheritance, we offer our fervent prayers that the Conference and all it represents may be richly watered with the streams of salvation.

We have blessed you, Brethren, out of the house of the Lord.

We designate our friends Eli Jones and Harriette D. Collins to return to that Conference our Christian sympathy and regard, with a copy of this Minute signed by our Clerks on our behalf.

25. The subject of Foreign Missions which was introduced at our morning session again claimed our attention. With full hearts and grateful recognition, we acknowledge that the Lord has evidently blessed the work during the past year. The faithful labors of the Committee, the liberal contributions of our members toward the expense of the Mission, and also the kindly sympathy and large assistance rendered by Friends of other Yearly Meetings on this Continent, as well as from some not of our Society, meet our warm gratitude.

We again commend this interesting concern to the support and countenance of Friends, and are encouraged in the reflection, that as we in sincerity and the love of Christ are drawn to raise these poor people in the scale of civilization and Christianity, the more shall we turn in loving concern for the welfare of those needing the same help at home, and these efforts return in redoubled efficacy to raise our own souls into our dear Saviour's favor and blessing.

With faith and confidence we again intrust this concern to the same Committee, with the substitution of Huldah Leighton in the place of our late dear friend Ann Maria Coffin.

The request for an appropriation contained in the report is referred to the Committee on Finance. Our Monthly Meetings are requested to appoint committees, to assist in raising the necessary additional funds to carry on the work the ensuing year.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

TO THE YEARLY MEETING :

In presenting to the Yearly Meeting the Report of this year's work at the Brumana Mission, the Committee can but say, "What hath God wrought?" — for it has been evident that the work was His, and He has protected and provided for it.

The regular Mission work, in the prosecution of which, Friends in both Old and New England are associated, has been carried on as usual, and accounts sent to us of its progress. From these we learn that the Training Home now contains thirty-one boarders and two day scholars. Eight new scholars have been received this year. They are making good progress in their lessons and in their knowledge of the Bible. The practical part of Christian duty is impressed upon them, with an earnest desire that the Holy Spirit may enable both teachers and scholars to come to a full knowledge of the will of the Lord, and to walk in His ways.

Satisfactory information is given in regard to the pupils who have left the School. They are endeavoring to support themselves by honest industry. Three of the young men are very helpful to the Institution, in iron-work and carpentry, while still taking some lessons.

The Medical Mission has also been carried on during the past year. The number of patients has increased, and the efficacy of the treatment is much assisted since the establishment by English Friends of a Cottage Hospital, where some cases can receive continued care and good nursing. Dr. Beshara also makes professional calls in the villages around, and each visit includes several cases, for the people have a way of going up on the housetops and shouting, "The Doctor has come!" when a crowd quickly gathers. The Doctor then has many sick ones brought to his notice, and also has an opportunity of speaking to the people, of Christ

and His love, and they generally listen with great attention. In the waiting-room of the Dispensary, it is often cheering to see their readiness to receive the words of truth as read among them. At one time, when the account was read of Elijah going to Heaven in a chariot of fire, one said, "How good those words are which you have read; they are new to us;" and another, "How comforting it is to hear that God takes those that fear Him to be with Him in Heaven." They also stated that some persons were coming to the Dispensary expressly to hear the reading.

During the past year, about \$425 have been received for medicines and professional visits. Some part of this has been used for the purchase of drugs and other things needed at the Dispensary; the remainder has been paid to Theophilus Waldmeier, for the General Mission.

Two dear women Friends, from England, felt drawn in the love of the Gospel to spend some time at the Mission this winter, and their wise and loving aid has been very valuable at the Dispensary, Hospital, Schools and Meetings. Their visit has been a means of help and strength, also by their example and influence among the native women, who are slow to learn their rightful position and duties. They were much struck with the progress which has been made in the Mission, and the blessing which has attended the work. It may here be stated that this visit of our friends Maria Feltham and Ellen Clayton was not at the expense of the Mission.

The Monthly Meetings, Devotional Meetings, Mothers' Meetings and First-day Schools have been regularly held and well attended. Four new members have been received into our Society during the past year; one of them is a merchant of Beyrout, and two others were formerly pupils in the Training Home. Most of the teachers in the day-schools are members of the Monthly Meeting.

The day-schools are under the continued inspection and care of Ibrahim Tasso, and the scholars appear to be making progress. One school has been discontinued for a time, and some changes made in the teachers, which appear to be advantageous. About forty boys have left the schools during the past year, and are assisting their parents in the fields, etc. Their influence in many cases is good. "My teacher told me not to steal," were the words of a boy of Nebay, when ordered by his father to go and steal some fuel. "But nobody will see you," said the father. "My father, God is everywhere, and He sees all I do," answered the boy.

This has been the work at the Mission, while your Committee here have been largely occupied in procuring the needful funds. This Yearly Meeting pays \$2,000 toward the current expenses of the whole Mission work, while Friends in England pay the remainder—about \$3,500. As our Yearly Meeting only appropriated \$750, it will be seen that there was a large amount to be raised by private subscription. The payments are made, one-half in the Ninth Month, and one-half in the Third Month; and sometimes, when the Treasury has been by no means in a condition to meet the requirements, our hearts have nearly failed, but we can praise Him whose are the silver and the gold, that He has always provided for

the need. From the little child, who worked patiently for months to earn her dollars; from the First-day schools, whose steady continued giving has been so encouraging; from those who could give largely, and gave "as to the Lord," the money has come, and the obligations have been met.

Considering this strain upon the resources of our Yearly Meeting, we hardly dared to think of the possibility of acceding to the earnest desire of the people and workers upon Mt. Lebanon, for a Girls' Training Home, although from time to time they have pleaded for such a means of rescuing the girls from the oppression and degradation which is the usual lot of women in that land. But it seemed almost impossible that the sum (\$3,500) needful for the building could be obtained, in addition to what we were already pledged to give. However, the appeal of Theophilus Waldmeier was read in our last Yearly Meeting, and the result proved that the Lord blessed it. Nearly one-third of the amount was collected at once. This appeal has also been sent to several other American Yearly Meetings, and New York, Ohio, Western, and especially Baltimore and some members of Philadelphia Yearly Meeting, have contributed for this purpose, until the entire sum needed for the building has been collected, and the corner-stone laid with much rejoicing. Some who are not members of this Society have taken a great interest in the matter, and have given largely to the fund.

In conclusion, we would ask the Yearly Meeting to continue the work under the care of a Committee, and appropriate \$800 for this purpose. We would also request that the different Monthly Meetings be directed to again appoint Committees to assist in the work. And may all be for the glory of the Lord and the advancement of His cause.

On behalf of the Committee.

SUSAN T. THOMPSON, *Clerk.*

TREASURER'S REPORT.

1880.

RECEIPTS.

Sixth Month.	By Balance from last year,	\$188 36
	Receipts from all sources, including	
	\$750.00 from Yearly Meeting, . .	1,913 32
		—————\$2,101 68

PAYMENTS.

	Paid Theophilus Waldmeier £400, . . .	\$1,935 00
	Bill, printing,	11 50
	Balance on hand to new account, . .	155 18
		—————\$2,101 68

GEO. HOWLAND, JR., *Treas. of Com*

NEW BEDFORD, Sixth Month 10th, 1881.

Fund for Training Home for Girls on Mt. Lebanon, in account with George Howland, Jr., Treasurer of Committee on Foreign Missions.

1881.

RECEIPTS.

Sixth Month. To amount received from Western Yearly Meeting,	\$113 55
Amount received from Friends of Baltimore Yearly Meeting through Board of Missions,	400 00
Amount received from N. Y. Yearly Meeting	131 24
Amount received from Friends of Philadelphia and Camden, . . .	1,370 00
Amount received from all other sources, including dividends on deposits,	1,545 22
	<hr/> \$3560 01

PAYMENTS.

By sent by direction of Committee to Theophilus Waldmeier, £200, . .	\$971 50
Balance on hand,	2,588 51
	<hr/> \$3,560 01

There is also in the hands of the Committee for the education of Syrian females in Syria, from a Friend in Newport, R.I., the further sum of \$1,000 00

GEO. HOWLAND, JR., *Treas. of Com.*

NEW BEDFORD, Sixth Month 10th, 1881.

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Eli Jones,	Eliza P. Varney,
Rebecca H. Smiley,	Harriette D. Collins,
Abby S. Battey,	J. Warren Starkey,
William Thompson,	Mary W. Jones,
Susan T. Thompson,	Celinda Metcalf,
Harriet N. Jones,	William H. Beale,
George Howland, Jr.,	Abbie M. Harris,
Sylvia G. Howland,	Timothy B. Hussey,
Albert C. Buffum,	Elizabeth K. Hoxie,
Henry T. Wood,	Eli Jepson,
Anna G. Wood,	Charles M. Jones,
Obadiah Chace,	Elizabeth H. Newhall,
Benjamin F. Knowles,	Moses Sawyer,
Sarah F. Tobey,	Hannah B. Sawyer,
Augustus F Cox,	Rachel S. Howland,
	Huldah Leighton.

Adjourned to meet in joint session to-morrow morning at 10 o'clock.

FOURTH-DAY MORNING, SIXTH MONTH 15TH.

The Meeting assembled in joint session pursuant to adjournment.

26. Our friend, Elizabeth L. Comstock, made, this morning, an earnest appeal to Friends on behalf of the Freedmen of the South, who are now refugees in Kansas; she feels that their suffering and needy condition claims our sympathy, and this need she believed would be materially enhanced as the cold weather of next winter comes on. She presented credentials from a Committee of Kansas Yearly Meeting, and also a letter from Governor St. John, of Kansas, commending her and her interesting concern to those among whom she is called to labor.

On consideration it was concluded to name a Committee who are requested to present to a future separate session of the Men's Meeting the names of three Friends in each Quarterly Meeting to whom this subject may be entrusted, and who are requested to present the claims of this oppressed people, and we commend these refugees to the active sympathy and aid of Friends, viz. :—

Samuel R. Buffinton,
Charles L. Kenyon,
Qwen Dame,
Charles E. Hoag,
Henry A. Slocum,
Edward G. Dillingham,
John J. Frye,
George Douglas,

Paul A. Randall,
Reuben A. Wheeler,
Josiah Philbrook,
William H. Beale,
Samuel Buffum,
William P. Tuttle,
Edward Wing,
Joseph E. Briggs.

27. The Records of the Representative Meeting were now read, and the proceedings of that Meeting are approved by this Meeting.

28. The Report of the Joint Committee on the concern of this Meeting for the improvement of the condition of the Freedmen of the South has been presented, which, with the Report of the condition of the Freedmen's Normal Institute at Maryville, Tenn., was read.

The earnest labor and devotion of the Committee in this interesting work, and the encouraging account of the progress of the Institution at Maryville, have been interesting to Friends, and we now reappoint the same Committee, with the exception of Ann Maria Coffin, deceased, and the addition of Moses Sawyer and Hannah B. Sawyer;

and we desire the continued effort and labor of the Committee, and of all interested in this fruitful field.

The recommendation, contained in the Report, of an appropriation in aid of the work is referred to the Committee on Finance.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON FREEDMEN.

Your Committee have labored to increase and extend the usefulness of the School by continuing the unfinished improvements commenced last year, and to encourage pupils, who were suitable, to enter the Normal Class and fit themselves for teachers.

The School, as heretofore, has been continued under the care of William P. Hastings as Principal.

Your Committee, with many others, feel the loss of another one of our number, in the removal of our dear friend, Ann Maria Coffin, who departed this life in Twelfth Month last, after a short but painful illness. Her interest in the elevation of the Freedmen, made her a useful and valuable member of the Committee, and her cheerful hospitality in entertaining her friends, and readiness to relieve the wants of the needy poor, are deeds not less worthy of being remembered than those of Doreas, so commended to us in the Scriptures; and for her husband, whose heart was with her in the work, we have deep sympathy.

At the opening of the School in the Eighth Month, the number of pupils fell below that of the previous year, but before its close in the Fifth Month, the enrollment was two hundred and seven, with a per cent. of attendance and improvement larger than usual, as stated in the Principal's Report.

Over fifty students have been in the Normal Class the last year, fitting themselves to go out into the different States and act as teachers; and seventy-two who have been occupied as such during the same time, at a compensation from twenty to fifty dollars per month, were not enough to supply all the applications made to the Principal for Maryville students.

By supplying students to meet this demand, the School becomes efficient as an agent in assisting to educate the masses of the colored people in the South, much to their advantage and that of our beloved country; and your Committee believe that one of the leading objects of this Institution should be, to send out Christian educators to assist in obtaining so desirable an end.

The dormitory, completed last year, has been nearly supplied with furniture, so that between thirty and forty self-boarders have been accommodated at the Institute—a number above former years, and for the first year after completing the dormitory, as large as we could expect.

It was believed that a bell would be of use to the Institution, and accordingly one was procured, weighing nine hundred pounds, and mounted in the belfry, much to the delight of the pupils, who, with others of their neighbors, commendably contributed to the expense.

The floor in the basement, used by the girls as a kitchen, was very poor, being rotten in places, and it was thought best to replace it with one made of water-proof cement, like the floor in the basement of the dormitory; it has been done, much lessening the danger of the building by fire.

In the second story above the basement, is a room the entire size of the building; it was seldom used; it has been fitted up, and now contains a rostrum, black-boards and desks, much increasing the facilities of the building for school purposes; while at the same time, a room upon the first floor, being more convenient to the public, has been suitably fitted for meetings, and is now occupied for that purpose.

Nearly all the improvements and repairs about and upon the buildings are completed, except the roof of the Institute, which is very poor, and will need to be covered, either with shingles or slate, some time during the coming year. It is believed that to slate, will, in the end, be better, though it may cost about five hundred dollars.

The construction of the dormitory and all other repairs were made with a view to lessen the danger of the buildings by fire, and it has enabled your Committee to effect an insurance (from First Month 1st, 1881, to same date, 1886) of eight thousand dollars upon the two buildings, and at a rate more favorable than it would have been, had the construction been conducted with less care.

There has been expended for improvements during the last year,—

For a cement floor in the basement of the Institute, for the Girls' Kitchen	\$83 16
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For Furniture:

Six cooking stoves	\$108 00
Stove pipe and cooking utensils	55 59
Heating stove, for wood	12 75
Heating stove, for coal	12 03
Zinc for stoves, etc.	12 00
Seven dozen chairs	35 00
Iron boiler and sundry other things	11 17
	\$246 54

Fitting Large Room in Second Story:

Plastering	\$54 00
Black-boards	13 50
Rostrum, paint and painting	35 80
	\$103 30

Bell:

Bell, 900 pounds	\$110 00
Freight and mounting	17 00
	\$127 00
Repairs on roof	\$8 65
Ladders and pails, used in case of fire	\$10 75

CONDENSED.

Kitchen floor in basement, for girls	\$83 16	
Furniture	246 54	
Fitting school-room in second story	103 30	
Bell, freight and mounting	127 00	
Repairing roof on main building	8 65	
Ladders and pails, used in case of fire	10 85	
Insurance on the two buildings	267 50	
		<u>\$847 00</u>

To meet the above outlay, there has been received through the hands of Lettie A. Garner—

Collection by Sarah Underhill, of New York	\$50 00	
Burger, Hood & Co., Maryville	5 00	
J. M. Greer & Co., Maryville	5 00	
Wm. P. Hastings and wife, Maryville	5 00	
Sundry small sums from colored people and others, Maryville	25 60	
		<u>\$90 60</u>

Through the hands of Wm. P. Hastings—

Murray Fund, New York	\$100 00	
Sarah B. Satterthwaite	25 00	
Wm. R. Thurston, New York	25 00	
Edward Tatum, New York	10 00	
		<u>\$160 00</u>

Received by one of the Committee—

From Lincoln D. Farr	\$15 00	
John G. Whittier	10 00	
Sarah Slade	50 00	
Charles F. Coffin	50 00	
Elizabeth Hazard	200 00	
Phebe S. Marsh, by will	50 00	
Moses Sawyer	25 00	
		<u>\$400 00</u>

CONDENSED.

Received from Lettie A. Garner	\$90 60	
Wm. P. Hastings	160 00	
One of the Committee	400 00	
Given by a Friend to balance account	196 40	
		<u>\$847 00</u>

We recommend to the Meeting an appropriation of \$1,000, hoping and believing that Friends, individually, who are interested in helping to educate the Freedmen, will not fail to aid in making the School prosperous by contributing more.

We submit this Report, with that of the Principal, with an expression of much gratitude to a dear English Friend, whose heart is alive to the wants of the poor Freedman, as manifested in a munificent gift to help him to a good Christian education.

On behalf of the Committee.

Sixth Month, 1881.

BENJ. F. KNOWLES.

REPORT OF THE FREEDMEN'S NORMAL INSTITUTE, MARYVILLE, TENN., FROM EIGHTH MONTH 23^d, 1880, TO FIFTH MONTH 19th, 1881, INCLUDING THE SCHOOL YEAR.

Number of days taught,	187
Number of pupils enrolled,	207
Average daily attendance,	95
Number in Teachers' Training Class,	54
Number teaching in different States,	72
Number of teachers sent out to teach (from the first),	96
Number of boarders in the buildings,	36
Cost of board to each self-boarder per week,	70c.
Whole number of boarders, boarding in the buildings and elsewhere,	61
Number of Friends belonging to Maryville Monthly Meeting,	47
Number taught Arithmetic,	203
English Grammar,	136
English Composition,	96
Geography,	76
United States History,	47
Geology of Tennessee,	8
Book-Keeping,	4
Algebra,	7
Latin,	3
Natural Philosophy,	3

The School has been very prosperous during the past year. The per cent. of advancement has been greater, and the attendance more regular than in any preceding year. Seven of the students, six male and one female, completed the Elementary Course, and received certificates of graduation.

Six, who had previously graduated in this course, were also in attendance.

Sabbath School and the stated meetings of Southern Preparative Meeting, have been kept up through the year, the attendance being large during the continuance of the School. Much deep, religious interest has been manifested in our meetings and in the collections of the boarders for the daily reading of the Holy Scriptures.

This Report is submitted with thankfulness to our Heavenly Father for having moved the hearts of His children to contribute of their means to this much needed work.

WILLIAM P. HASTINGS, *Principal*.

FREEDMEN'S COMMITTEE.

Benjamin F. Knowles,	Moses Sawyer,
Charles F. Coffin,	Gertrude W. Cartland,
Moses Bailey,	Hannah J. Bailey,
Hannah B. Sawyer.	

29. The Committee on Education have presented their Report which has been read and adopted by the Meeting. We conclude to appoint our Friends, Joseph E. Macomber, Harriette D. Collins, John H. Crosman, Deborah W. Crosman, George Howland, Jr., Rebecca H. Smiley, Lemuel Jones, Esther Jones, Abel C. Monroe, Lydia Haight, Thomas B. Nichols, Mary Eliza Philbrook, Albert C. Buffum, Anna M. Hussey, George Richardson and Mary G. Winslow, to present at a future sitting, the names of Friends to constitute a Committee on Education.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION.

TO THE YEARLY MEETING:

The Committee on Education report that they have given attention to the subject, and that in obedience to the suggestion of the Yearly Meeting last year, some of their number attended the Educational Conference at Haverford College, composed of Friends of education from all, or nearly all, of the American Yearly Meetings; that an organization was there made which is to labor for the educational interests of the Society of Friends in America, subject to this organization, and indeed as parts of it, the Yearly Meetings were set off into three Districts, called the Eastern, Middle and Western Divisions, each District being duly organized under its own officers; it being the intention that the District organizations shall labor to awaken an interest among the people on Education, by frequent meetings, and that once in three or five years a general Conference of the Society of Friends in America, on the subject of Education, may be held, to which the District organizations shall report their labors and the results thereof.

This Committee is in full sympathy with the above method as developed for calling the attention of the people to higher education. But care should be exercised that no intermeddling takes place with the Institutions or educational work of the Yearly Meetings, on the part of these organizations.

These organizations are formed, and should be, by persons as individuals and not as agents or representatives of Yearly Meetings. The Committee are particular about this matter, as suggestions have been made of centralization of the power, interest and management of the entire educational work of all the Yearly Meetings. The Eastern Division intends to hold a Conference at Providence, in the Summer of next year.

Another subject which has claimed the attention of the Committee is the painful fact that a dozen or more young men from New England are receiving their education at Haverford College from the bounty, very largely, of Friends in Philadelphia Yearly Meeting, who feel, or seem to feel, that New England Yearly Meeting takes no interest in the higher education of its children. Six children are to enter Haverford this Autumn who pay \$125 each, while the nominal price is \$425; thus Philadelphia Friends must contribute for their support \$1800 a year for three years. But the burden on these men is not limited to New England; and we think they feel that the meetings in the South and West are less able than we are to assist, and they are therefore particularly troubled at our want of interest.

The Committee therefore recommend that the sum of \$200 be appropriated to the use of young men of this Yearly Meeting at Haverford College, provided the Committee of this Meeting having the matter in charge shall only expend such portion thereof as they shall deem really necessary.

The Committee do not forget that an allowance once made by the Yearly Meeting in this cause perished in the Finance Committee, and that it was thought in that Committee by some persons that the Educational Committee could not be in earnest about this matter. We hope now to remove all doubt in every mind on that subject. Our communications with these Friends of Philadelphia has caused us to feel very much upon the subject. Surely no cause can be nearer to our hearts than the education of our own children, thus placing them in broader fields of usefulness.

On behalf of the Committee,

AUGUSTINE JONES.

Adjourned to meet in separate sessions this afternoon at 4 o'clock.

AFTERNOON.—Assembled pursuant to adjournment.

30. The Committee appointed for that purpose have presented the following named Friends to constitute a School Committee the ensuing year, who are approved; the Women's Meeting concurring, viz. :—

Charles F. Coffin,
George Howland, Jr.,
Moses Bailey,
William C. Taber,
Timothy B. Hussey,
Timothy K. Earle,
Samuel R. Buffinton,
Henry T. Wood,

Richard Battey,
William C. Monroe,
Thomas B. Nichols,
Augustus F. Cox,
James H. Chase,
James O. Inman,
John F. Tucker,
Peter M. Neal,

Ellen K. Buffum,
 Rebecca H. Smiley,
 Sylvia G. Howland,
 Ann B. Earle,
 Hannah J. Bailey,
 Ann K. Colton,
 Hannah B. Sawyer,
 Laura S. Collins,

Rebecca C. Grinnell,
 Anna G. Wood,
 Deborah W. Crosman,
 Abby S. Battey,
 Elizabeth H. Austin,
 Sarah F. Tobey,
 Esther Jones,
 Caroline C. Earle,

Benjamin F. Knowles.

For the Committee.

BENJ. F. KNOWLES.

31. The Committee appointed at a previous sitting to propose the names of Friends to constitute a Committee in reference to the proposition from Fairfield Quarterly Meeting presented the following, which is satisfactory to this and the Women's Meeting :—

Eli Jones, *Chairman*,
 William O. Newhall, *Secretary*,
 Obadiah Chace,
 Samuel R. Buffinton,
 Peter M. Neal,
 George Howland, Jr.
 David Kelly,
 Lemuel Jones,
 George Douglas,
 Richard Battey,
 Abel C. Monroe,
 Clement R. Jones,
 William H. Beale,
 John B. Cartland,
 Albert C. Buffum,
 Levi Jones,
 I. Warren Hawkes,
 William Jacob,
 Daniel Beede,
 William Thompson,
 Samuel Austin,
 Charles M. Jones.

William H. Aldrich,
 Jacob K. Purinton,
 Henry T. Wood,
 Sarah F. Tobey,
 Ellen K. Buffum,
 Abigail M. Hanson,
 Tacey P. Hawkes,
 Susan T. Thompson,
 Rebecca H. Smiley,
 Almira S. Hanson,
 S. Jane Cox,
 Abby S. Battey,
 Abigail Wheeler,
 Hannah T. Jenkins,
 Margaret B. Cates,
 Lydia M. C. Tuttle,
 Hannah W. Meader,
 Lavinia Briggs,
 Sarah M. Richardson,
 Esther Jones,
 Lydia C. Neal,
 Myra E. Frye,

Elizabeth K. Hoxie.

On behalf of the Committee.

SAMUEL R. BUFFINTON.
 HARRIETTE D. COLLINS.

PORTLAND, Sixth Month 15th, 1881.

32. The Joint Committee on Home and Foreign Missions presented the following Report, viz. :—

TO THE YEARLY MEETING:

The Joint Committee continued from last year to consider the proposition of our late beloved friend Stanley Pumphrey, for the formation of an American Board of Home and Foreign Missions, have had the subject under consideration, and while way does not open to propose any definite action at this time, we are desirous that it may still remain in the hearts of Friends of this Yearly Meeting.

We would suggest that the concern be again left to a small committee of our number, and propose that Eli Jones, William C. Taber, William H. Beale, Rebecca H. Smiley, Anna G. Wood and Anna M. Hussey be entrusted with this concern for the ensuing year.

For the Committee.

ALLEN JAY.

PORTLAND, Sixth Month 14th. 1881.

And we conclude to continue the concern under the care of our friends, Eli Jones, William C. Taber, William H. Beale, Rebecca H. Smiley, Anna G. Wood and Anna M. Hussey, Women Friends concurring.

33. Epistles to the Yearly Meetings of Iowa and Kansas were now read and approved.

34. The following communication was received at this time from George Sturge, a Friend, of London, England, proposing that this Yearly Meeting shall accept a trust of \$25,000, the income from which in perpetuity is to be used for the education of Freedmen and their descendants, at the Freedmen's Normal Institute, in Maryville, Tenn., under the care and direction of this Yearly Meeting. This generous offer is accepted with gratitude to our Heavenly Father, who has drawn the heart of the donor to aid those for whom this gift is bestowed, and we appoint George Howland, Jr., Benjamin F. Knowles, Samuel R. Buffinton, Levi Jones and Owen Dame, to unite with a similar Committee of Women Friends, to propose at a future session of this Meeting the names of seven Friends to be appointed as a Board of Trustees to receive the endowment, and hold the same in trust for this Yearly Meeting, and disburse the income arising therefrom under the direction of this Meeting, on such terms and conditions as shall, during the present year, be mutually agreed upon by the donor and the Trustees, viz. :—

WOODTHORPE, SYDENHAM HILL ROAD, LONDON, S. E. }
20th of Fifth Month, 1881. }

TO THE YEARLY MEETING OF THE SOCIETY OF FRIENDS OF NEW
ENGLAND:

Dear Friends,—As I have for a long time felt great interest in the enslaved negro race and their descendants, and believing that a good, Scriptural education, such as is described in the Catalogue of the Maryville College, teaching “The common branches, including Physiology and Algebra,” would be of the greatest benefit to the coloured people, I hereby ask you to be kind enough to create a Trust to take charge of \$25,000, the income from which in perpetuity, it is proposed, to be laid out in educating such young men and young women of the coloured race, of the age of fifteen years and upwards, as show an aptitude for teaching, and are willing so to employ themselves in the District or Common Schools of the U. S. A., after completing their education at Maryville; and that in the schools where these young men and women, who are to be Teachers are educated, it shall be a rule that a portion of the Bible shall be daily and publicly read, and that at suitable times, either monthly or quarterly, the precept, “Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself,” shall be explained, as a Divine command, clearly forbidding all war, and at the same time teaching kindness to all men.

My view (subject to the approval of New England Yearly Meeting) is, That a Trust should be created consisting of seven members of New England Yearly Meeting, both men and women Friends, who should hold the endowment of \$25,000 with power to sell, convey, or re-invest, and manage according to their best judgment, with reference to its productiveness and perpetuity; to pay all expenses of management of the Fund, to expend the annual interest of the said Fund for the training and education of Teachers of the Freedmen of the Southern States, of U. S. A., through the agency of the Maryville College, in Tennessee; that the said Trustees should be at liberty, in their discretion, when needful, to apply five per cent. of the annual income for books and for clothing of worthy, needy, intended Teachers; and also a like sum, should the Managers of the College incline, to add a Technical Class, to teach either Carpentry, Blacksmith’s work, Shoemaking, or Tailor’s work. Provided, however, that if the said Trustees do not find a suitable number of pupils offering as Teachers in the said Institute of Maryville, the remainder of the income may be used to aid other worthy pupils; also that in case of any unforeseen casualty or event, the Trustees may modify the details, always keeping in view the object of the donor, namely, the education of the Freedmen and their descendants, through the Teachers of Maryville College; and that this Fund is only to be an assistance in any effort, and is not to be charged with the whole cost of any department.

Upon the death or incapacity of any Trustee, his or her place shall be filled up by some member of and by the New England Yearly Meeting, the said Trustees to be Friends willing to act without any pecuniary

emolument and to tender an Annual Report, with an account of Receipts and Disbursements for each year to the New England Yearly Meeting.

Your friend sincerely,

GEORGE STURGE.

WOODTHORPE, SYDENHAM HILL ROAD, S. E. }
27th of Fifth Month, 1881. }

TO THE NEW ENGLAND YEARLY MEETING OF THE RELIGIOUS SOCIETY
OF FRIENDS:

Dear Friends.—On the 20th of this month I wrote you a letter, asking you to accept an Endowment for the benefit of Coloured Students as Teachers of the descendants of the enslaved Negroes. I fear I did not clearly state the title of the Institute, which I find is, “The Freedmen’s Normal Institute, Maryville, Tennessee.” Please to incorporate this as part of my proposal. And also a condition, that if in the course of time, the New England Yearly Meeting should conclude it to be desirable to remove the Institution from Maryville to any other part of the Southern States of the U. S. A., the Trustees shall be at liberty to apply the Fund of the Endowment to such Institute, for the same purpose of supplying teachers to the coloured race; and that if at any future time, the New England Yearly Meeting shall cease to take care and interest in the coloured race, the Endowment shall be handed over to Indiana or any other Yearly Meeting of the Northern or Western States of the U. S. A.

Your friend,

GEORGE STURGE.

After the acceptance of the offer of an endowment of our dear friend, George Sturge, and the engagement of this Meeting to use the income thereof in efforts for the elevation of the Freedmen of the South, in the scale of civilization and a Christian life, a feeling of reverent gratitude pervaded the hearts of Friends, upon the evidence of the Lord’s goodness to this long oppressed people, and of the Christian benevolence which has prompted this generous gift. May the blessing of this poor but grateful people in the South come upon him, and he be permitted to see his Christian desire upon them.

The Clerks were authorized to convey to George Sturge our warm acknowledgement of this mark of confidence on his part by furnishing him with a copy of this Minute, signed on our behalf.

35. The Committee on the subject of Temperance have presented their Annual Report, viz. :—

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON TEMPERANCE.

TO THE YEARLY MEETING:

The Committee on Temperance report that we have attended to our appointment.

Our work, this year, may have been less than usual in lectures and public meetings among Friends, but much more has been done in the juvenile department, and also in connection with the Woman's Christian Temperance Union and similar organizations.

Tracts and other Literature have been widely circulated, the effects of which are perceptible in an increased temperance sentiment in many parts of our Yearly Meeting.

About eighty public meetings have been held in the prosecution of our work. Many children have been regularly taught the character and effects of alcohol and tobacco, and warned of the danger of the slightest indulgence in these subtle poisons. The text books used, and which we recommend, are Julia Coleman's "Alcohol and Hygiene" for small children, and "Dr. Richardson's Temperance Lessons" for those more advanced. The triple pledge is still being circulated, and receiving signatures. The hope of ultimate success to our cause rests mainly on the faithful education of the young. In view of this, the plan of temperance instruction in all Bible schools has our hearty approval, and, in order to give permanency and uniformity to such teaching, we desire that the International Sabbath School Committee provide for a quarterly temperance lesson in the regular course in future.

We regret that some of our members still indulge in cider and the other lighter alcoholic drinks as a beverage, manufacturing and selling them, also, for that purpose. We think the voice of Friends should give no uncertain sound in this matter, but that it should be distinctly understood that our Discipline prohibits such use of any thing that intoxicates. The evil of intemperance is a gigantic one, and claims the united interest of the whole Christian Church.

It would seem that the presence everywhere of her greatest enemy were sufficient to arouse all her energies, especially when the startling fact is realized that for every dollar expended in the spread of the Gospel, to save men, ten are used to destroy them, and that more fall into the drunkard's grave every year than are gathered into the visible kingdom of our Lord Jesus Christ, while through the pride and self-indulgence of her members, more is wasted than all her missions cost.

From the testimony of reformed men, with the rightly interpreted teaching of the Bible, we are convinced that the only safe position is total abstinence from all alcoholic drinks on every occasion.

We recommend a continuance of this work under the care of a Committee another year, and that two hundred dollars be appropriated for its use. We submit herewith the following Report from our Treasurer.

AUGUSTUS F. COX, *Chairman.*

HARRIET N. JONES, *Secretary.*

TREASURER'S REPORT.

TO THE YEARLY MEETING:

The Treasurer of the Committee on Temperance would make the following Report:—

The amount of money received from George Howland,		
Jr., Treasurer of the Yearly Meeting		\$150 00
Paid out on the order of the Chairman, A. F. Cox . . .	\$84 50	
Balance in the treasury	65 50	
		<hr/> \$150 00

JOHN F. CHASE,

Treasurer for the Com.

This Report is adopted, and the Meeting concludes to continue the concern under the care of the same Committee, with the exception of Lemuel A. Jones, not now a member of our Society, and David Douglass, removed from our limits, and the addition of Ezra Hawkes; we are desirous of encouraging the Committee to continue their efforts for the suppression of this gigantic evil.

COMMITTEE ON TEMPERANCE.

Harriette D. Collins,	Elizabeth P. Nichols,
Ellen K. Buffum,	Joseph M. Hanson,
James R. Collins,	Alice Purinton,
Charles A. Chace,	Lydia E. Sawyer,
John F. Chase,	Samuel Buffum,
Elizabeth H. Valentine,	James S. Read,
Mary Aliny Chase,	Abigail Wheeler,
John F. Tucker,	Abby S. Battey,
William P. Macomber,	D. Wheeler Swift,
Phebe B. Slocum,	William Jacob,
Hannah S. Wing,	Frank E. Jones,
Augustus F. Cox,	Lydia E. Frye,
Esther Osborn,	Hannah T. Jenkins,
Charles W. Goddard,	Isaac Warren Hawkes,
S. Jane Cox,	Harriet N. Jones,
Edward S. Hacker,	Emeline Meyers,

Ezra Hawkes.

Adjourned to meet in joint session at 7.30 this evening.

At about the hour to which the Meeting adjourned, Friends again assembled.

36. The Committee on Scriptural Instruction in First-day Schools submitted a Report, which was now read. The care and labor bestowed by the Committee seems evident, and we are united in the re-appointment of the same Committee another year. We desire their encouragement, and recognize this as an efficient and a blessed means of "adding to the Church," and of bringing many to a knowledge of salvation. The request for an appropriation is referred to the Committee on Finance.

REPORT OF BIBLE SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

TO THE YEARLY MEETING :

In presenting this, our Annual Report, we have much cause for gratitude and encouragement, not so much through the combined efforts of the Committee as the labors of its individual members and others.

We believe the work of Bible instruction has made steady progress during the year.

Conferences have been held in all the Quarterly Meetings, and in them earnest, practical teachings have been given, well calculated to assist the teachers in their work. Nearly all the Quarterly Meetings have regularly organized conferences.

A Committee was appointed last year to prepare a little sheet, containing hints and suggestions helpful to teachers. About New Year's, "Words of Cheer" were sent out for distribution in the schools. It is hoped this paper will find a place and service in the different parts of the Yearly Meeting.

The blanks for collecting statistics not having been distributed, only forty-four schools have been heard from—reporting an aggregate average of 1099. These schools, with a few exceptions, have continued through the year, and report an increase of interest and membership.

Your Committee have found, in many schools, a great need of suitable literature for the children. In view of this urgent call from many workers in different parts of the Yearly Meeting, and for other departments of Bible School work, we recommend that one hundred dollars be placed in the hands of a Committee, that shall have the charge of this important department of Christian labor.

On behalf of the Committee.

WILLIAM T. COLLINS,
SALOMA C. WHEELER.

COMMITTEE ON BIBLE SCHOOLS.

William T. Collins,
Charles H. Thorndike,
John F. Tucker,

Charles W. Goddard,
John J. Frye,
Albert C. Hill.

Thomas B. Wheeler,
George H. Farr,
Isaac Warren Hawkes,
Timothy B. Hussey,
Frank E. Jones,
Harriette D Collins,
Mary J. Rogers,
Rebecca H. Smiley,

Elizabeth P. Nichols,
Sarah E. Buffinton,
Saloma C. Wheeler,
Margaret B. Cates,
Lydia E. Sawyer.
Mary G. Winslow,
Harriet N. Jones,
S. Jane Cox,

Ruth S. Murray.

37. The Committee under appointment, in reference to the few members of our Society residing in the British Provinces, made the following Report, viz. :—

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FRIENDS IN BRITISH PROVINCES. TO THE YEARLY MEETING :

The Committee, to whom was referred the care of the members of our Society residing in the British Provinces, report —

We have given attention during the past year to the interests of the Friends placed under our care, and we have endeavored to use, judiciously, the money appropriated by the Yearly Meeting, for those who required aid.

The Committee feel that these Friends will continue to need oversight; and we would recommend that a Committee be appointed for that purpose, and that \$100 be appropriated for their use.

On behalf of the Committee.

REBECCA H. SMILEY.

PORTLAND, Sixth Month, 15th, 1881.

The Report is satisfactory to the Meeting, and we conclude to continue the Committee to extend such care towards these distant members as way may open. The subject of an appropriation is referred to the Committee on Finance.

COMMITTEE ON FRIENDS IN THE BRITISH PROVINCES.

Josiah Holmes, Jr.,
Benjamin F. Knowles,
George Richardson,
Eli Jones,

Sarah A. Holmes,
Sarah M. Richardson,
Rebecca H. Smiley,
Rachel S. Howland.

38. The Committee on the concern of the Meeting for the improvement of the Western Indians presented their Report, viz. :—

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON WESTERN INDIANS.

TO THE YEARLY MEETING:

The Joint Committee on the concern of this Meeting, for the improvement of the Western Indians, report—that the educational work has made good progress under the care of the Associated Executive Committee.

In the six schools which have been sustained, 720 pupils have been enrolled, and their advancement in school learning and in industrial education has been commendable. In all the boarding schools, manual labor is a prominent part of education. At the Wyandotte School, under the charge of Dr. Charles W. Kirk, the progress of the pupils in their studies is specially commended. The Modoc School has remained under the efficient care of Emmeline H. Tuttle, who, during all her service among the Indians, has been very successful, both as a literary and Christian teacher. Only a few days since the Indian Commissioner, Hiram Price, in an interview with one of the Associated Executive Committee, alluded in terms of commendation to the labors of these two teachers; and they need our encouragement.

In the religious and Christianizing work, perhaps at no time has there been a more open door than during the past year.

The Associated Executive Committee has had five missionaries in the field. Our valued friends, Elkanah and Irene Beard labored faithfully for a year at the Cheyenne Agency, and although no church organization has been formed, real fruit has resulted from their devoted service. Among the Pottawatomies, Franklin Elliot, laboring under the auspices of New York Friends, but partly sustained by the Associated Executive Committee, has been very successful. A Meeting of twenty-eight members has been gathered, and the work gives promise of further extension during the summer.

A new station has been opened among the Shawnees, at Blue Jacket, in the Cherokee country, near the Quapaw Agency, and a donation of Bibles and Testaments has been obtained by the Committee, from the American Bible Society, and they have been forwarded to this station, to the care of John M. Watson, to be used in First-day School, and other religious work.

In the Quapaw Agency, Asa C. Tuttle and wife, and Jeremiah Hubbard have labored earnestly with good results. Last month, 57 Indians were received as members by Timbered Hills Monthly Meeting, and these, with 23 received before, make 80 members in this Agency. A Friend writes, "If the Lord continues this open door, we must be faithful in the work here."

During the winter, two barrels of good, substantial clothing, from Friends in Providence, and one barrel, prepared by two members of the Committee in Portland, were sent to the care of Asa and Emmeline Tuttle. Several parcels of reading matter, including children's books and illustrated papers, have been forwarded to different stations.

Our late dear friend, Lemuel Gifford, of Sandwich, Mass., left to the Committee a bequest of \$200, to be used for the benefit of the Indians under our care. This sum has been received, and deposited in the New Bedford Institution for Savings, in trust for the Committee.

The Associated Executive Committee propose that the sum of \$2,500 be raised by the Yearly Meetings in aid of this work. The quota of this sum for our Yearly Meeting, amounts to \$425. We recommend that this sum be appropriated.

While much of the Christian work among the Indians has been wholly unsectarian, the result of the year's labor shows a considerable addition of membership to our Society. The fact that the simple Gospel message as presented by us is readily comprehended and embraced by the Indians, seems to add to our responsibility in this field; and at this time, when our Heavenly Father is evidently at work for the welfare of these, his children, and is calling upon us to be co-workers with Him, may we be ready to sustain and encourage the laborers, and to pray for the Divine blessing upon the service.

On behalf of the Committee.

HENRY T. WOOD,
ELLEN K. BUFFUM.

Sixth Month 11th, 1881.

COMMITTEE ON INDIAN AFFAIRS.

Henry T. Wood,	Rebecca Anthony,
Anna G. Wood,	Eli Jepson,
John F. Tucker,	Elizabeth K. Hoxie,
William O. Newhall,	John J. Frye, of Portland,
Ellen K. Buffum,	Myra E. Frye,
Sarah Caroline Tobey,	Thomas J. Battey,
Susan Peckham,	Sarah W. Goddard,
Mary W. Jones,	Hannah T. Jenkins,
Elizabeth H. Newhall,	Joseph E. Briggs,

Thomas B. Buffum.

The evident blessing which has attended the labors of the Committee during the past year, and the open door which now invites to this field, encourage us to continue this interesting work.

We appoint the same Committee (with the exception of Martha Jay, about to remove from our limits) to the service, and desire their encouragement in a field which the Lord hath blessed.

The subject of an appropriation in aid of the Associated Executive Committee on Indian Affairs is referred to the Committee on Finance.

39. The Committee on Mission Work in North Carolina and other States of the South, presented the following Report:—

REPORT ON NORTH CAROLINA MISSION.

TO THE YEARLY MEETING:

The Educational and Mission work in the South have been continued with interest and considerable success during the past year. We have had six schools in North Carolina, and one in Tennessee, continuing from three to six months each; two hundred and sixty-six pupils, between the ages of five and twenty-five years, attended these schools, about one-half of them being the children of Friends. The average attendance has been less than in previous years, on account of the unusually severe weather, and deep snow, which prevailed in the South during the last winter. The people were quite unprepared for such weather, having no sleighs or facilities for travelling on snow, hence some of the schools were suspended for a while.

We judge by the Reports of our teachers, that many of the scholars have made rapid progress in their studies, and that they appreciate their advantages, and they and their parents are generally grateful for what is being done for them; but there are some, more especially among the older people, who do not appear to fully realize the value of these blessings. It is doubtless true that those engaged in the work of elevating the human race have ever found it slow business, and at times discouraging, and requiring patience and perseverance; but, when it is accomplished, O, who can estimate the value of it?

Two of those, who have been pupils in our schools since their commencement four years ago, have been teaching the past winter. One is now attending a boarding school in the North, and one is at New Garden Boarding School.

One of our teachers wrote us recently, saying, "Your work is certainly doing good, especially among the young people. Eight of those, who have had a start in your schools, are now looking after a higher education, and seem determined to have it."

Four barrels of clothing, a large number of books, papers, etc., were sent to our teachers for distribution, as needed early in the winter. Two barrels of these were prepared and sent by the care of our late dear friend, Ann Maria Coffin, a few days before her decease. She was a faithful and deeply interested worker in our Committee, and she is greatly missed by us. A Friend writing from the Mission field soon after receiving a barrel of much needed articles from her, and having just been informed of her decease, said, "Although we had never seen her, we had learned to love her through her letters, and good works. It is hard to realize that she has passed from earth, and before even receiving an expression of our gratitude for the happiness she had given us,"

Bible schools have been kept up a greater part of the year, in every neighborhood where our schools have been located. These, with Temperance and other Mission work have received more attention this year than in any previous one since our appointment.

Our friend, Charlotte D. Holmes, under the auspices of this Com-

mittee, spent nearly three months last winter in that part of our Mission field which is in North Carolina. She visited all the meetings, day schools, Bible schools, held twenty-five Bible readings, distributed ten thousand pages of tracts, also many books and papers which were given her for that purpose, visited fifty-five families, labored much in the cause of Temperance, etc.

Many letters have been received from Friends there, expressing much satisfaction with these services, and with the labors of our teachers. Fervent gratitude was expressed also for what we have done to promote the comfort and welfare of the poor people in that part of our country, and to aid them in the education of their children.

The Committee believe that although much has been done, yet much remains undone.

If the Yearly Meeting should conclude to continue this work in the care of a Committee for another year, \$500 will be needed to carry it on successfully.

Respectfully submitted, on behalf of the Committee,

HANNAH J. BAILEY, *Secretary*.

PORTLAND, Sixth Month 10th, 1881.

TREASURER'S ACCOUNT.

1880.	DR.	
Tenth Month.	To paid travelling expenses, teachers, . .	\$32 80
	on account school furniture, . .	5 00
	on account board of teachers, .	14 00
	on account of a teacher,	5 00
	for postage, stationery and incidental expenses,	13 68
Twelfth Mo.	for tracts and school books, . .	10 87
	in aid of Mission work	10 50
	S. A. Holmes on acct. freight .	2 35
	travelling expenses of teachers, .	56 00
	freight per railroad,	5 00
1881.		
Fourth Month.	postage, money orders and incidental expenses,	11 75
	on account teachers' salaries, .	434 75
	a Friend's expenses with money raised for that purpose, . . .	26 00
Fifth Month.	amount of balance in hands of Committee,	5 84
		————— \$633 54

1880.	Cr.	
Sixth Month.	By balance in hands of Committee, . . .	\$177 54
	By amount received from B. F. K. . . .	5 00
	By amount received from L. D. Farr, . .	5 00
	By amount received from H. J. Bailey, .	5 00
	By amount received from G. W. Bailey, .	5 00
1881.		
Second Mo.	By amount received from Treasurer of Yearly Meeting	400 00
Fourth Mo.	By amount received from a Friend, . . .	5 00
	By amount received from a Friend, . . .	5 00
	By amount received from several Friends for a special purpose,	26 00
		<hr/> \$633 54
For the Committee.		

MATTHEW HOWLAND, *Treasurer*.

PORTLAND, Sixth Month 10th, 1881.

We are encouraged by the evidence afforded of real usefulness resulting from the labors of this Committee, and we cannot afford to relax our efforts in behalf of these needy people. The effects of the degradation of slavery and the barbarism of war still hang like a cloud over this region, and the victims continue to need our help. We continue the same Committee under appointment (with the exception of Ann Maria Coffin, deceased, and Allen and Martha Jay, about to remove from our Yearly Meeting, and Hannah G. Hoxie, released upon her request), and Elizabeth K. Hoxie is added to the Committee.

COMMITTEE ON MISSION WORK IN NORTH CAROLINA, ETC.

Benjamin F. Knowles,	Richard Battey,
Joseph E. Macomber,	Sarah Jane Swift,
Gulielma Freeborn,	Joseph Taylor,
Gertrude W. Cartland,	Hannah J. Bailey,
Joseph S. Nichols,	Albert C. Buffum,
Matthew Howland,	Lydia C. Tuttle,
Sarah A. Holmes,	Rachel S. Howland,
George Douglas,	Moses Bailey,
Esther Jones,	Charles M. Jones,
Thomas B. Nichols,	Charles F. Coffin,
Alfred H. Jones,	Rebecca Hoag,
Elizabeth S. Frye,	Moses Sawyer,
Mary R. Jones,	Elizabeth K. Hoxie.

Adjourned to meet in separate sessions to-morrow afternoon at 3 o'clock.

FIFTH-DAY AFTERNOON, THE 16TH.—The Meeting assembled pursuant to adjournment.

40. The following named Friends have been selected, three from each Quarterly Meeting, to solicit aid for the Kansas refugees, within their respective limits, viz. :—

Joseph E. Macomber,	} Rhode Isl'd.	Richard Battey,	} Smithfield.
Charles A. Chace,		Calvin R. Rockwood,	
Charles D. Kenyon,		Greeley Dow,	
John H. Crosman,	} Salem.	George Varney,	} Vassalboro.
Chas. H. Thorndike,		Josiah Philbrook,	
Albert C. Hill,		Daniel Ayer,	
Gideon Gifford,	} Sandwich.	Isaac H. Varney,	} Dover.
Alvah Holway,		Eli Meader,	
Gideon Wood,		Edward Purinton,	
Augustus F. Cox,	} Falmouth.	I. Warren Hawkes,	} Fairfield.
Lemuel Jones,		Asa Shepard,	
Nathan Pope,		Edwin Wing,	

On behalf of the Committee.

CHARLES D. KENYON,
SAMUEL R. BUFFINTON.

PORTLAND, Sixth Month 16, 1881.

41. The Representatives propose the following named Friends to constitute a Representative Meeting the ensuing year. The Friends named are satisfactory to the Meeting and are appointed accordingly.

MEMBERS OF THE REPRESENTATIVE MEETING.

Thomas Harkness,	Thomas A. Wheeier,
Benjamin F. Knowles,	Abby S. Battey,
Sarah F. Tobey,	Lydia Haight,
Ellen K. Buffum,	Thomas B. Nichols,
Joseph Cartland,	Eli Jones,
Owen Dame,	Rachel B. Nichols,
Abigail M. Hanson,	Eliza P. Pierce,
Gertrude W. Cartland,	Timothy B. Hussey,
William C. Taber,	Albert C. Buffum,
George Howland, Jr.,	Anna M. Hussey,
Anna G. Wood,	Huldah S. Buffum,
Susan T. Thompson,	Levi Jones,
Augustus F. Cox,	Mary W. Jones,
George Douglas,	Charles M. Bailey,
S. Jane Cox,	Sophia D. Bailey,
Elizabeth A. Douglass,	Charles F. Coffin,
Richard Battey,	David K. Akin,

William O. Newhall,
Samuel R. Buffinton,
Henry T. Wood,

Augustine Jones,
Jacob K. Purinton,
Joseph E. Briggs,

42. The Committee appointed to nominate Trustees of the Sturge Fund presented the following Report, which is satisfactory to the Meeting, and is adopted, and the Friends therein named are appointed Trustees accordingly, — the Women's Yearly Meeting concurring, viz. :—

TRUSTEES OF THE STURGE FUND.

TO THE YEARLY MEETING :

The Committee appointed to bring forward names of Friends to serve as Trustees of the Endowment, proposed by our friend, George Sturge, present the following, viz. :—

Benjamin F. Knowles, South Manchester, Conn.
Samuel R. Buffinton, Fall River, Mass.
Augustine Jones, Providence, R. I.
Owen Dame, Lynn, Mass.
Rebecca H. Smiley, New Bedford, Mass.
Ellen K. Buffum, Providence, R. I.
Susan T. Thompson, New Bedford, Mass.

For the Committee.

GEORGE HOWLAND, JR.

PORTLAND, Sixth Month 16th, 1881.

43. The Committee to audit and settle the accounts of the Treasurer, etc., have attended to their appointment, and report as follows, viz. :—

REPORT OF THE AUDITING COMMITTEE.

TO THE YEARLY MEETING :

The Committee to audit and settle the Treasurer's accounts, etc., report — That we have attended thereto, and find the account as follows, viz. :—

RECEIPTS.

Balance from last year	\$2,472 42
By sale of "Disciplines"	10 50
Amount from G. C. Herbert refunded	41 43
Note at Merchants National Bank	1,500 00
Vassalboro Quarterly Meeting, balance last year	57 00
From the several Quarterly Meetings	4,000 00
Eagle Bank, Providence, dividend	80 00
Arrearages of railroad bonds	288 00
Committee on Bible Schools, refunded	7 21
	—————\$8,456 56

PAYMENTS.

Amount paid S. R. Buffinton, expenses at Newport .	\$429 60
Com. on Friends in British Provinces .	200 00
Com. on Bible Schools	107 21
Printing	307 18
Com. on Foreign Missions	750 00
Wm. P. Hastings, for Colored Institute	1,300 00
Com. on North Carolina Mission . . .	400 00
Wm. F. Coffin, Ass. Ex. Committee . .	425 00
Note at Merchants Nat'l Bank and int'st	1,538 13
Com. on Temperance	150 00
Recording Women's Minutes	30 00
Wm. O. Newhall, recording, express- ing, etc.	46 80
Balance in hands of Treasurer	2,772 64
	<hr/> \$8,456 56

TREASURER IN ACCOUNT WITH BOSTON MEETING HOUSE FUND.

Balance from last year	\$448 47
Interest on bonds	450 00
Interest on balance in Savings Bank	12 61
	<hr/> \$911 08
Paid rent Wesleyan Hall, Boston	350 00
	<hr/> \$561 08

We find the accounts correctly stated, and properly avouched.

We recommend that the sum of four thousand dollars (\$4,000) be raised for the use of the Meeting the ensuing year; and nominate George Howland, Jr., for Treasurer of the Yearly Meeting, and Thomas Harkness for Treasurer of the Boarding School Fund.

For the Committee.

GEORGE DOUGLAS.

PORTLAND, Sixth Month 16th, 1881.

The Report is accepted by the Meeting, and we conclude to raise the sum of four thousand dollars for the use of the Meeting the ensuing year, and George Howland, Jr., is appointed Treasurer; and Thomas Harkness is appointed Treasurer of the Boarding School Fund. Our several Quarterly Meetings are directed to pay to our Treasurer their respective proportions of the sum proposed.

44. The Committee on Finance report as follows, viz. :—

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

TO THE YEARLY MEETING :

We have carefully considered the various applications for appropriations, and recommend the following, viz. :—

For Associated Executive Committee Western Indians,	\$425 00
Bible Schools,	50 00
Foreign Missions,	750 00
Freedmen,	1,000 00
North Carolina Mission,	300 00
Temperance,	125 00
Aid to Friends in British Provinces,	100 00
Education,	200 00
	————— \$2,950 00

For the Committee.

OWEN DAME.

PORTLAND, Sixth Month 16th, 1881.

The Report is accepted and adopted, and the several Committees, for whom the above appropriations are made, are at liberty to call upon the Treasurer of this Meeting for such sums as they may need in the prosecution of their various concerns, not exceeding the amount appropriated to each.

STANDING COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

Rhode Island—Samuel R. Buffinton.	Smithfield—Richard Battey.
Salem—Owen Dame.	Vassalboro—Charles B. Cates.
Sandwich—George Howland, Jr.	Dover—Jacob K. Purinton.
Falmouth—Augustus F. Cox.	Fairfield—Levi Jones.

45. The Committee appointed at our first session, to prepare, as way might open, returning Minutes for Friends in attendance of this Yearly Meeting, have presented the following for our friend Mary S. Knowles, which has been read and approved, and similar ones for Rufus P. King, Benjamin S. Coppock, Perrin Reynolds, William P. Hastings, Edward C. Young, Joseph Stanley, S. Adelbert Wood, Elizabeth L. Comstock, Abigail B. Kelly, Dougan Clark and William G. Johnson, as follows:—Our beloved friend Mary S. Knowles acceptably attended this Meeting. Her company and religious services have been acceptable to us.

46. And the following for our friends James and Celia A. Barton, and similar ones for Phila C. Jewell, Julia G. Coppock, Joseph Arbeeley, Lydia Stanley, Maria E. Young, Caroline DeGreen and Emily J. Morris, as follows:—Our friends, James and Celia A. Barton, acceptably attended this Meeting.

47. The Joint Committee, to disburse the income arising from the Mosher Fund, presented the following Report, viz.:—

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON INCOME OF MOSHER FUND.

TO THE YEARLY MEETING:

The Joint Committee, appointed to receive the income of the "Mosher Fund," and disburse the same, in accordance with the will of the donor, report as follows. Whilst way has not opened for them to distribute among our members a large variety of books, they have, however, been able to secure an edition of one thousand copies of the "Memoirs of Robert Charleton," which, with a number of smaller books and tracts, have been received and largely distributed.

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES OF THE INCOME FROM THE MOSHER FUND.

RECEIPTS.

Balance on hand, as reported last year	\$218 77	
Received from Chas. F. Coffin, on behalf of Trustees . .	606 12	
Received from interest on deposits to Sixth Month 1st . .	5 03	
	<u> </u>	\$829 92

EXPENDITURES.

Paid For 1001 copies "Memoir of Robert Charleton,"		
and expressing	\$615 85	
Philadelphia Association of Friends	12 61	
For 200 copies of "Essay on Baptism," and other		
small books	15 26	
Freight, express, postage, etc., to members of the		
Committee	14 74	
Balance on hand to new account	171 46	
	<u> </u>	\$829 92

On behalf of the Committee.

SAMUEL R. BUFFINTON,
REBECCA H. SMILEY.

PORTLAND, Sixth Month 16, 1881.

COMMITTEE ON THE INCOME OF THE MOSHER FUND.

Henry T. Wood,
Samuel R. Buffinton,
J. Ellwood Paige,

Rebecca H. Smiley,
Gertrude W. Cartland,
Harriet N. Jones.

48. The Trustees of the Mosher Fund have presented the following account of the present investment and condition of the Fund, viz. : —

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF THE MOSHER FUND.

The income of the Fund for the year has been—

Balance from last year	\$188 81	
Interest from deposits in New Bedford Institution for Savings	22 82	
Interest from Boston City bond, \$10,000	500 00	
	<hr/>	\$711 63

The payments from income have been—

To the Yearly Meeting Book Committee	\$606 12	
Income added to principal	104 00	
Balance in hands of Trustees	1 51	
	<hr/>	\$711 63

The investment of the Fund is in—

City of Boston registered bond (5 per cent.)	\$10,000 00	
Deposit in New Bedford Institution for Savings . . .	645 20	
	<hr/>	\$10,645 20

In addition, there has been received from the Mosher Executors the sum of \$1,506.78, which is awaiting the direction of the Yearly Meeting as to its disposition.

For the Trustees.

C. F. COFFIN.

LYNN, Sixth Month 6th, 1881.

The Trustees are directed to invest the said sum of \$1,506.78 in such securities as they may deem advisable.

49. The Committee appointed to nominate a Committee on Education, presented the following named Friends. The nomination is approved, and they are accordingly appointed to that service the ensuing year, viz. :—

COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION.

Augustine Jones,	Eli Jones,
Caroline Jones, of Deering, Maine,	Myra E. Frye,
Anna F. Hall,	J. Ellwood Paige,
Charles H. Jones.	

50. The Committee on the subject of Peace, have presented their Annual Report, viz. :—

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PEACE.

TO THE YEARLY MEETING :

The Joint Committee on the subject of Peace report that while little of a public nature by way of addresses has been attempted, some pains have been taken by the distribution of tracts and other reading matter, to diffuse a correct public sentiment in the community.

The need of this effort continues to be fully apparent. During the past Winter a bill was introduced to the Legislature of Massachusetts, authorizing the practice of military drill in the public schools of that State. The efforts of some of the Committee and of other Friends, supplemented by remonstrances from many not members of our Society, were strenuous in opposition, and at one time promised to be successful, but the act was finally passed. We deeply regret this backward step in a measure calculated to familiarize the youthful mind with the practice of war.

The sum of \$38.88 still remains in the hands of the Committee for this cause.

For the Committee,

HENRY T. WOOD,
ABBY S. BATTEY.

The Report is satisfactory and accepted by the Meeting. The Committee, now under appointment, is continued on this very important concern of the Yearly Meeting, and we desire their encouragement.

COMMITTEE ON PEACE.

Eli Jones,
Timothy B. Hussey,
Charles C. Varney,
Samuel R. Buffinton,
George Richardson,
Henry T. Wood,
William Jacob,

Susan T. Thompson,
Gertrude W. Cartland,
S. Narcissa Jacob,
Rachel S. Howland,
Abby S. Battey,
Joseph H. Atwater,
George Hussey Gifford.

51. This Meeting has learned, with deep regret, that the Legislature of Massachusetts, at its last session, passed an act legalizing instruction in military drill in the public schools in that State. We earnestly remonstrate against all legislation which shall instil into the minds of youth a warlike spirit, so manifestly at variance with the teachings of the Prince of Peace.

We refer the subject to the Representative Meeting, to take such action as may in their judgment tend to secure the repeal of the act referred to.

52. The Committee now under appointment, with the addition of Timothy B. Hussey, John J. Frye, William T. Collins and John F. Tucker, is directed to make all the necessary arrangements for holding religious meetings during the sessions of our next Yearly Meeting, as way may open; also, to propose times and places for the various Committees to meet, who now are or may then be under appointment, viz.:—

COMMITTEE OF ARRANGEMENTS.

Eli Jones,
 Samuel R. Buffinton,
 Henry T. Wood,
 Augustus F. Cox,
 Jacob K. Purinton,

George Douglas,
 Timothy B. Hussey,
 John J. Frye,
 William T. Collins,
 John F. Tucker.

53. Epistles to the Yearly Meetings of London, Ireland, New York, Baltimore, North Carolina, Ohio, Indiana, Western and Canada, and a joint Epistle to the Monthly Meeting of Friends of Brumana, Mt. Lebanon, have been read and approved, and the Clerk is directed to sign them on behalf of this Meeting, and cause them to be countersigned by one of our correspondents, and forwarded to those Meetings, respectively.

54. This and the Women's Yearly Meeting conclude to have the Minutes of both Meetings printed; and the Clerks are directed to cause an edition of two thousand copies to be printed and sent down to our Quarterly Meetings, in their usual proportions, and Owen Dame is appointed to advise with them in the accomplishment of the work.

55. Again we have gratefully to acknowledge the continued watchful care and love of our Heavenly Father, as we have been gathered at this time in a Yearly Meeting capacity; enabling us to transact the various and increasingly important subjects which have engaged our attention, in much harmony and brotherly love. As we are now about to separate, we can but commemorate His goodness, past and present, and invoke His continued care over us and blessing upon us. We now conclude, proposing to meet again at Newport, R. I., at the usual time next year, if the Lord permit.

Signed on behalf of the Meeting.

WILLIAM O. NEWHALL, Clerk.

NOTE.—The Correspondents of New England Yearly Meeting are —

GEORGE HOWLAND, JR., New Bedford, Mass.

JOSEPH CARTLAND, Newburyport, Mass.

MOSES BAILEY, Winthrop, Maine.

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AT the Yearly Meeting of Women Friends for New England, held at Portland, Maine, by adjournments from Sixth Month 11th, to the 16th of the same, inclusive, 1881.

By Reports received from our Quarterly Meetings, it appears that the following named Friends have been appointed representatives to this Meeting, viz.:—From

RHODE ISLAND.—Louisa N. Meader, Harriette D. Collins, Huldah M. Beede, Esther Chace, Martha A. Jay, Rebecca Anthony, Addie F. Chace, Mary S. Buffinton, Cynthia J. Earle, Mary Alice Gifford and Mary E. Kenyon.

SALEM.—Gertrude W. Cartland, Mary Alice Brown, Abigail M. Hanson, Mary J. Paige, Soviah Folsom, Cynthia W. Huntington, Peace P. Nichols, Lydia C. Neal, Sarah W. Swett, Elizabeth K. Hoxie, Mary J. Rogers, Hannah B. Sawyer, Mary Almy Chase and Anna M. Gove.

SANDWICH.—Rachel S. Howland, Rebecca C. Grinnell, Elizabeth C. Wing, Susan T. Thompson, Charity G. Chace, Huldah Gifford, Ruth L. Smith, Rebecca H. Smiley, Sarah A. Holmes, Rebecca S. Howland, Elizabeth A. Slade and Anna G. Wood.

FALMOUTH.—Jane C. Minot, Lucy A. Snow, Anna C. Varney, Susan P. Cartland, Elizabeth A. Douglass, Lucy R. Goddard, Myra E. Frye, Mary A. Maxfield, Jane T. Varney, Maria B. Jones and Esther Nichols.

SMITHFIELD.—Lydia Haight, Abby S. Battey, Jennie Allyn, Sarah J. Wheeler, Abbie W. Randall, Abigail Wheeler, Melissa A. Clark, Salome C. Wheeler and Laura A. Read.

VASSALBORO'.—Hannah T. Jenkins, Mary C. Jones, Mary R. Jones, Elizabeth S. Frye, Rachel B. Nichols, Margaret B. Cates, Eliza P. Pierce, Hannah B. Robinson, Helen M. Jones and Hannah B. Jepson.

DOVER. — Hannah W. Meader, Anna Maria Evans, Anna M. Hussey, Gulielma M. Purinton, Elizabeth G. Meader, Martha E. Pratt, Eunice D. Cartland, Lydia M. C. Tuttle, Huldah S. Buffum, Hannah J. Roberts, Jane H. V. Durgin, Hannah G. Sawyer and Maria Purinton.

FAIRFIELD.—Sarah M. Richardson, Phebe P. Jones, Lavinia M. Briggs, Harriet N. Jones, Mary G. Winslow, Sarah V. Winslow and Christina Butterfield.

Whose names being called, they were all present except twenty, for the absence of six of whom sufficient reasons have been assigned.

We have at this Meeting the acceptable company of beloved Friends in the Ministry, viz.:—Mary S. Knowles from New York Yearly Meeting, Rufus P. King, William P. Hastings, Benjamin S. Coppock and Perrin Reynolds, of North Carolina Yearly Meeting, Edward C. Young, Joseph Stanley, S. Adelbert Wood, Elizabeth L. Comstock and Abigail B. Kelley, of Ohio Yearly Meeting, Dougan Clark, of Indiana Yearly Meeting, and William G. Johnson, of Western Yearly Meeting; who have presented certificates of unity and concurrence from their respective Meetings. We extend to them a loving welcome, and trust that through the faithful exercise of their gifts under the Lord's anointing, we may all be blessed and comforted together.

There are also in attendance of this Meeting our friends, James Barton and his wife, Celia A. Barton, from Ferrisburg Monthly Meeting, New York; Phila C. Jewell, an Elder, companion to Mary S. Knowles; Lydia Stanley, an Elder, companion to her husband, Joseph Stanley; Caroline DeGreen, companion to her mother, Elizabeth L. Comstock; Maria C. Young, companion to her father, Edward C. Young; Julia G. Coppock, companion to her husband, Benjamin S. Coppock; and Emily J. Morris, an Elder, companion to her father, William G. Johnson, who have produced satisfactory testimonials from their respective Meetings.

Joseph Arbeely, a member of the Greek Church in Syria, but

who has for some time resided at Maryville, Tennessee, is also present with a certificate of sympathy and Christian fellowship from Friends of Maryville Monthly Meeting.

Very acceptable Epistles from our dear sisters of London, Ireland, New York and Baltimore Yearly Meetings have been read. As the Master's work, in some of the varied harvest fields of earth, has been spread before us in the reading of these, we have been afresh stimulated to more earnest zeal and diligence in doing our part through Holy help, in spreading the knowledge of the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, and, like Him, doing good to the souls and bodies of men. The allusion in the Epistles, received at this time, from our Friends across the Atlantic to the removal by death of our late beloved friend, Stanley Pumphrey, has afresh brought to our remembrance the untiring labors, the earnest zeal, and the loving devotedness of this ambassador for Christ in our own land. While we bow in submission to the will of the Lord, who has thus early gathered him to the fruition of all his labors for the good of mankind, we crave that others may be raised up to continue the work of the Church of God in the earth.

As we have again met in our annual assembly our hearts have been solemnized under a sense of the Lord's presence and love. We have recognized His guiding hand in again bringing us together, and, feeling our great need, we have invoked His help and blessing, to enable us rightly to exercise the gifts with which He has intrusted us to His glory and praise. Many dear Friends have, since our last annual gathering, been removed from us: there are vacant places in our midst, but we believe the Lord is still able to prepare and qualify others to take their positions, and carry on His own work in the Church and in the world.

Adjourned to the hour Men Friends may meet this afternoon.

AFTERNOON.—Met at 4 o'clock.

Abigail M. Hanson, on the part of the Representatives, informed the Meeting that they were united in proposing Anna G. Wood for Clerk, and Margaret B. Cates, for assistant Clerk; which nominations being severally approved, they are appointed to those services for the ensuing year.

Changes have occurred in our several Quarterly Meetings during the past year, as reported in their accounts to this Meeting.—(See pp. 5 and 6.)

Epistles from our dear sisters of North Carolina, Ohio, Indiana, Iowa, Western, Kansas and Canada Yearly Meetings have been read at this time, and we have renewedly felt the bond of Christian sympathy and interest which unites us together.

We appoint the following named Friends to prepare essays of reply to these, and to our beloved sisters of other Yearly Meetings with which we correspond, viz. :—Rebecca H. Smiley, Rachel B. Nichols, Sylvia Crocker, Mary R. Jones, Mary C. Jones, Harriet N. Jones, Harriette D. Collins, Sarah A. Holmes, Salome C. Wheeler, Mary A. Chase, Adeline L. Farnum, Anna M. Gove, Maria Purinton, Melissa A. Clark, Gulielma M. Thorndike, Mary Alice Gifford, Hannah S. Wing, Huldah H. Leighton, Susan T. Thompson, Phebe B. Slocum, Lydia E. Jenkins, Ruthanna H. Nichols, Mary J. Paige, Mary Alice Brown and Lucy Ann Snow.

We unite with Men Friends in the appointment of a joint Committee to which shall be referred the subject of returning minutes for Friends now in attendance of this Meeting, with certificates. The following named Friends are designated to that service, viz. :—Rebecca H. Smiley, Harriet N. Jones, Susan T. Thompson, Peace Jones, Mary T. Jones and Melissa A. Clark.

To prepare a summary of the answers to the Queries received at this time from our several Quarterly Meetings, we appoint our Friends, Mary C. Jones, Huldah M. Beede, Mary Alice Brown, Peace Jones, Lavinia M. Briggs and Hannah T. Jenkins.

A proposition contained in the account from Fairfield Quarterly Meeting, that Overseers in our several Monthly Meetings shall, during their continuance in that position, be members with the Meeting of Ministers and Elders, was now introduced, and, after consideration, we are united in the appointment of the following named Friends, who shall in connection with a similar nominating Committee of the Men's Meeting, produce at a future session the names of a joint Committee of men and women, to whom this subject, as well as the whole organization and appointment of our Meetings of Ministers and Elders, shall be referred for their careful consideration, to report to this Meeting next year, viz. :—Harriette D. Collins, Louisa N. Meader, Peace P. Nichols, Lydia C. Neal, Anna G. Wood, Susan T. Thompson, Myra E. Frye, Esther Jones, Abby S. Battey, Lydia Haight, Mary R. Jones, Peace Jones, Eunice B. Cartland, Hannah W. Meader, Sarah M. Richardson and Harriet N. Jones.

Adjourned to meet on Second-day morning, at 10 o'clock.

SECOND-DAY MORNING, THE 13TH.—Friends again assembled.

The Committee having the care of the Boarding School at Providence, have presented their annual Report. — (See pp. 7-11), which having been read, we have entered into tender sympathy with those who have sustained bereavement at the Institution, while we rejoice that comfort and hope has attended the removal of those who have been thus early called home.

The report of the religious interest which has again pervaded the School the past year has comforted and cheered us, and we have earnestly desired that the young Christians who are leaving the Institution may be nurtured and carefully cherished in the homes and neighborhoods where they may return, that they may continue to grow in grace, and bring forth fruit to the Master's praise.

We unite with Men Friends in appointing a Committee of two from each Quarterly Meeting, to propose at a future sitting the names of Friends to constitute a Committee to take charge of the School the ensuing year. The Committee is as follows:— Harriette D. Collins, Louisa N. Meader, Deborah W. Crosman, Anna M. Gove, Rebecca H. Smiley, Susan T. Thompson, Esther Jones, Mary C. Hawkes, Lydia Haight, Abigail Wheeler, Mary R. Jones, Peace Jones, Gulielma M. Purinton, Lydia M. C. Tuttle, Lavinia M. Briggs and Sarah M. Richardson.

The business which has engaged our attention, and the messages of love from baptized servants of the Lord which we have received, have deeply interested us in this session, and under a precious sense of the favor and blessings which have been conferred upon us, we now adjourn to 4 o'clock this afternoon.

AFTERNOON.—Assembled pursuant to adjournment.

The Meeting now entered upon a consideration of the state of Society, as presented by the answers to the Queries from our several Quarterly Meetings.

We were reminded of the responsibility resting upon us as members of the Society of Friends, in maintaining our principles, and in carrying out heartily all our Christian testimonies. We were encouraged to lay aside all differences and jealousies, and to

draw closely together in the work of the Lord, exercising more faith in God, and faith in one another. We may be rightly engaged in different ways, but we need tenderness and loving sympathy for each other in the varied service into which He leads us.

As we look at ourselves and our many deficiencies, our hearts may be ready to fail, but as we look to the Lord Jesus, our blessed High Priest, who is touched with a feeling of our infirmities, we realize His sympathy, and as we come to Him in prayer, He will enable us to lay hold of His blessed promises, and strengthen our hearts.

The importance of living Christ-like was dwelt upon. If we have passed from death unto life, we shall seek to follow in the footsteps of our blessed Lord, in doing good to the souls and bodies of men.

Looking at our own Society, and the dear children committed to us, we see them tenderly cared for and nourished as in a garden enclosed, but it would be well for us to take a look outside the gate, and consider those, also, who are not watched and nurtured, and who are out in the cold and darkness. May we remember the prophetic words which were fulfilled in our Lord Jesus Christ: "The spirit of the Lord is upon me because He hath anointed me to preach the Gospel to the poor; He hath sent me to heal the broken-hearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised." The followers of the Lord Jesus should remember that where much is given, much will be required. A profession of love to Christ is, in itself, of little advantage to any of us, but a steadfast allegiance to his will and guidance, and the clothing of His spirit in our daily life is what we need.

His command still is, "Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature." We have been reminded that the spirit of prophecy has not been taken from us, and the Lord has graciously given us proof of this truth in these Meetings. Words of encouragement have been spoken to those who in past days have witnessed for their Lord, but who have cherished fears and doubts, and have become discouraged in the way. These have been tenderly exhorted to look to the Lord, and He will strengthen them again to do work for Him, and abundantly bless them in the service.

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A fear has been expressed that the women of our Society have not responded to the Lord's call. We speak of women's ministry, but should we not rather say "God's ministry through women"? and an earnest desire has been expressed that this ministry should be exercised and kept in the sunshine of God's love. The call must be from Him, and He who has redeemed us unto Himself, has a right to our service in the public ministry of the Word. We are resting under a fearful responsibility if we neglect to obey His voice. There is need also in this service of the baptism of the Holy Spirit, for this can alone qualify the messengers of the Lord Jesus. We should also give heed to the exhortation, "Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth."

We must lay aside all desire to imitate others, and be simply ourselves in the Lord's hand, and, in all our service for Him, manifest the graces of true Christian womanhood. So shall we be efficient teachers and workers in His Church.

Our dear friend, Elizabeth L. Comstock, has made an earnest appeal in this Meeting on behalf of the suffering refugees in Kansas, which called forth a response in our hearts. Donations of money and clothing are still greatly needed to aid them, especially during the coming winter, and we are united in appointing a Committee of three from each Quarterly Meeting, to present the subject to their different Monthly Meetings, to encourage them to assist in collecting goods and funds for their relief, and forward them to Kansas to be ready for early distribution in the fall. The Committee is as follows:—Rebecca Anthony, Julia Buffinton, Harriette D. Collins, Mary A. Chase, Hannah B. Sawyer, Peace P. Nichols, Rebecca S. Howland, Elizabeth Ann Slade, Hannah S. Wing, Myra E. Frye, Huldah H. Leighton, Esther Jones, Lydia Haight, Rebecca A. Inman, Sarah J. Wheeler, Ruthanna H. Nichols, Mary R. Jones, Mary Bangs, Hannah T. Pratt, Abby S. Beede, Sarah M. Richardson, Harriet N. Jones, Sarah V. Winslow, Phebe Wing, Sarah Hanson, Anna M. Gove, Julia Ann Boyce, Electa J. Collins.

Adjourned to meet in joint session to-morrow morning at 10 o'clock.

(For business transacted in joint sessions, see pp. 17-31.)

FOURTH-DAY AFTERNOON.—Met near 4 o'clock.

A joint Epistle from the Monthly Meeting of Friends of Mt. Lebanon was now read, and we rejoice in the continued growth and prosperity of the little company of fellow believers gathered there, comparable to "a handful of corn in the earth upon the top of the mountains."

Statistical information has been received from our several Quarterly Meetings.—(See p. 12.)

A summary of the answers to the Queries from the Meeting of Ministers and Elders, together with a minute of that Meeting, were laid before this Meeting and read.—(See pp. 14 and 15.)

The Committee appointed to propose the names of Friends to constitute a School Committee to take charge of the Boarding School at Providence, have presented their Report (See pp. 31 and 32), which being approved by this Meeting, in concurrence with Men Friends, the Friends named are appointed to that service for the ensuing year.

The joint Committee on the subject of an American Friends' Mission Board, have presented a Report (See p. 33), which is accepted by this Meeting, and also the recommendation that the concern be entrusted the coming year to a small Committee of their own number, viz.: — Eli Jones, William C. Taber, William H. Beale, Rebecca H. Smiley, Anna G. Wood and Anna M. Hussey.

The Friends appointed to nominate a Committee to take into consideration the proposition from Fairfield Quarterly Meeting, and also the whole organization and appointment of our Meetings of Ministers and Elders, have presented the names of Friends, who are appointed to that service, and are requested to report to this Meeting next year.—(See p. 32.)

This Meeting has learned, with deep interest, that a dear friend, of England — George Sturge — has proposed to make an endowment of \$25,000, to be held in trust by this Yearly Meeting, of which the income arising therefrom shall be appropriated for the education of the colored people of the South (mainly the descendants of the Freedmen), at the Freedmen's Normal Institute at Maryville, Tennessee. We gratefully accept this generous gift in aid of these oppressed people, and appoint our friends, Peace Jones, Elizabeth C. Wing, Rachel B. Nichols, Sarah M. Richardson and Susan T. Thompson, to present to a future session, in concurrence with a similar Committee of Men

Friends, the names of seven Trustees, who may be appointed by this Meeting, to receive the proposed endowment, and disburse the income arising therefrom, under the direction of the Yearly Meeting.

The Clerk is directed to sign, on our behalf, a Minute addressed to our dear friend, George Sturge, expressing our gratitude, and warm acknowledgement of this mark of confidence manifested towards Friends of New England.

Essays of Epistles to our dear sisters of London and Baltimore have been read and approved.

Adjourned to meet in joint session this evening at 7.30 o'clock. (For business transacted in joint session; see pp. 37-44.)

FIFTH-DAY AFTERNOON, THE 16TH.—Met at 3 o'clock.

The Representatives being called are present except thirty-one, for the absence of two of whom reasons were given.

The Report of the Committee on Finance has been received from the Men's Meeting and read.—(See pp. 47 and 48.) The several appropriations recommended by that Committee for the present year are approved by this Meeting.

The Report of the Auditors, appointed to examine the account of the Treasurer and for other purposes, was now received and read.—(See pp. 46 and 47.) It is acceptable to the Meeting, and in concurrence we appoint George Howland, Jr., Treasurer of the Yearly Meeting, and Thomas Harkness is appointed Treasurer of the School Fund, for the ensuing year.

The Representatives to this Meeting report that they have conferred together in joint Committee, and were united in proposing the names of Friends to constitute a Representative Meeting the ensuing year. The names having been read, the nominations are approved, and they are appointed to that service in concurrence.—(See pp. 45 and 46.)

The joint Committee under appointment, upon the subject of Universal Peace, now presented their Report, which was read.—(See pp. 50 and 51.) This testimony, so long maintained by us as a people, has lost none of its importance, and we sincerely regret that in the State of Massachusetts a law has been passed to authorize the practice of military drill in the public schools. We concur in the reappointment of the Committee, and desire their encouragement in this interesting field of service.

The joint Committee, authorized to disburse the income from the "Mosher Fund," in the printing and circulation of books and reading matter illustrative of the principles and doctrines of our Religious Society, now reported. — (See pp. 48 and 49.) Their Report is acceptable to the Meeting, and we unite in the appointment of the same Friends to that service for the next year, who are desired to expend the income from this trust in accordance with the bequest.

The Committee appointed to present the names of Friends to serve as Trustees of the endowment proposed by our dear friend, George Sturge, of England, have presented the following, viz. :— Benjamin F. Knowles, Samuel R. Buffinton, Augustine Jones, Owen Dame, Rebecca H. Smiley, Ellen K. Buffum and Susan T. Thompson, who, being approved by the Meeting, in concurrence with Men Friends, are appointed to that service accordingly.

The Clerk is authorized to procure the printing of the Minutes of this Meeting, and also of the Epistles received from our sisters of other Yearly Meetings, for circulation among our members.

The Clerk is authorized to sign, on our behalf, the following minute for our dear friend, Mary S. Knowles:— "Our beloved friend, Mary S. Knowles, acceptably attended this Meeting; her company and religious services have been acceptable to us."

Similar minutes are also furnished to our dear friends, Rufus P. King, William P. Hastings, Benjamin S. Coppock, Perrin Reynolds, Edward C. Young, Joseph Stanley, S. Adelbert Wood, Elizabeth L. Comstock, Abigail B. Kelley, Dougan Clark and William G. Johnson.

The Clerk is further directed to sign, on our behalf, the following minute for our friends, James Barton, and his wife, Celia A. Barton; and a similar one for our friends, Phila C. Jewell, Lydia Stanley, Caroline DeGreen, Maria C. Young, Julia G. Coppock, Joseph Arbeely and Emily J. Morris, viz. :— "Our beloved friends, James Barton, and his wife, Celia A. Barton, acceptably attended this Meeting."

The Committee appointed at a previous session to present the names of Friends to constitute a joint Committee upon the subject of Education, now proposed — (See p. 50.) The nominations having been approved, they are appointed, in concurrence, to take charge of this interesting subject the ensuing year.

The joint Committee upon the subject of Temperance have

presented their annual Report.—(See pp. 36 and 37.) Their labors have been acceptable to this Meeting, and we are united in their appointment in concurrence, for the ensuing year, and desire their encouragement in persevering efforts to stay the great evil of intemperance in the community. The same Committee is reappointed with the exception of Lemuel A. Jones, not now a member of our Society, David Douglass, removed from our limits, and the addition of Ezra Hawkes.

Essays of Epistles to our dear sisters of New York, Ohio, Iowa, Kansas, Western, North Carolina, Indiana, Canada and Ireland, also a joint Epistle to the Monthly Meeting of Friends on Mt. Lebanon have been read and approved, and the Clerk is authorized to sign these, and also those read at a previous sitting, on our behalf, and forward them to those Meetings respectively.

To make needful arrangements for holding meetings for worship on First-day, and during the week of our next Yearly Meeting, and also to arrange times and places for the various Committees to meet during that time, we appoint the following Friends, to act in connection with a similar Committee appointed by the Men's Meeting, viz.:—Hannah J. Bailey, Huldah M. Beede, Mary Alice Gifford, Mary J. Paige and Myra E. Frye.

And now as we have come to the closing hour of our annual assembly, with bowed and humbled, yet with reverent and grateful hearts, we can acknowledge that “Truly God is good to Israel.” He has gathered us together in His love, He has crowned our assemblies with His presence, He has richly and abundantly blessed us, and, in a retrospect of all His mercies, has enabled us to offer from full hearts, through Jesus, our precious Saviour, the sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to His holy name.

We adjourn to meet in Newport, Rhode Island, at the usual time next year, if the Lord permit.

Signed on behalf of the Meeting,

ANNA G. WOOD, *Clerk.*

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